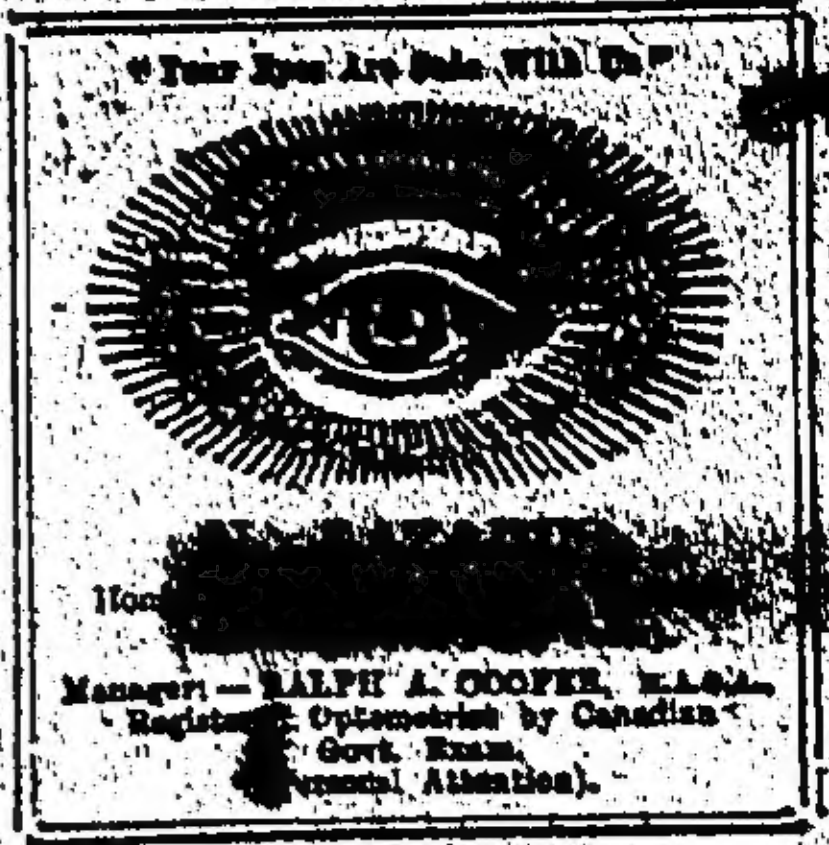


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WOMEN AND POLITICS.

THE ATLANTIC BLUE RIBAND.

FAMOUS SLANDER CASE RECALLED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 28th.

Old memories are stirred by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Tranby Croft, Yorkshire, at the age of 84. She was the hostess at Tranby Croft when the famous baccarat scandal occurred there thirty-six years ago, one of the players being accused of cheating. King Edward, then Prince of Wales, was at the party, and the story in detail was likely a chapter out of a novel by "Ouida". Many people who have reached the meridian of life will recall the sensation that was caused. Sir William Gordon-Cumming was alleged to have systematically placed a large stake on the table after the cards had been declared in his favour than he had originally laid down, and when the cards were against him he frequently withdrew a portion of the stake, by this means defrauding the bank. The Prince was banker. Sir William signed a statement witnessed by certain members of the house party that he would never touch cards again, and they vowed never to mention his offence. The object was to hush up the matter and prevent the Prince of Wales being dragged into such a scandal. But it leaked out, and the accused brought an action for slander in the Courts.

Another Woman M.P.

The Government are delighted at the return of Lady Iveagh as Member for Southend in succession to her husband who sat for that constituency as Lord Elveden, and has now gone to the House of Lords on the death of his father. The election was fought mainly on the alleged shortcomings of the Government in failing to reduce unemployment, especially in the mines, and the result was the return of the Conservative candidate with a 12,000 majority over the Liberal and Labour candidates, and a fourth candidate who described himself as an "Independent Conservative," and opposed the proposed extension of the franchise to women of 21, commonly referred to as the "Flapper" vote.

All-Women Parties.

During the Autumn known as the "Little Season" in London Society—fashionable entertaining has taken the form of giving parties attended solely by women. The idea has proved very popular. Of course, the custom of inviting a few women friends to luncheon together is by no means new; but this year a departure was made to the extent of inviting formal parties to luncheon. The first to do this was a well known hostess who decided that it was really possible to do without men at luncheon time. That is the time of day when the vast majority of the male sex are engaged at work, and only a small number can be relied upon to attend a luncheon party, which means taking a slice out of the afternoon.

(Continued on next column.)

BOY SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

EJECTS HIS FATHER'S ADVISERS.

OLD MINISTER THROWN FROM THE PALACE.

PARIS. One of the most notable of Moulay Mohammed, the new Sultan of Morocco, has been to dismiss Si Habbab, his father's favourite, who held the important post of Haggia, master of the palace. This Haggia, who was a childhood friend of the late Sultan, was reputed to be tyrannical and anti-French in sentiment, and Moulay Mohammed decided to replace him. Si Habbab asked for an interview with the young monarch to plead his cause. But the Sultan refused to see him, and ordered his slaves to eject the fallen favourite from the palace, which they did with the more energy as Si Habbab had been a hard taskmaster. The Sultan then appointed as the Haggia, successor Prince Ben Achen, who is of ancient lineage, but not well endowed with this world's goods. The new master of the palace is a man of much culture, with a distinguished presence.

A B.U.P. cable from Fez states that Moulay Mohammed is surrounding himself with younger advisers.

The idea has been widely copied by other Society women, and the all-women luncheon parties with about twelve or twenty guests seem to be becoming a most popular and regular institution.

World's Biggest Liner.

It used to be said by leading shipowners that the 1,000-foot ship would never be built; but this is what is about to happen. The Cunard Line has decided on plans for the construction of a vessel of 60,000 tons, which will cost \$6,000,000, and take a couple of years to build. The new ship will be 1,000 feet long, and will surpass in other directions the White Star Liner *Mauretania*, which is 915 feet in length, of 56,351 tons, and was formerly the German liner *Bismarck*. The new *Mauretania* is expected to carry between five and six thousand people.

This news is taken to mean that we shall see again the battle for the Blue Riband of the Atlantic in the matter of speed and size of ships. It is stated that the White Star Line are also proposing to construct a giant liner. The competition in regard to the Atlantic passenger service has been more or less stagnant since the war, owing partly to the necessity of absorbing into British lines the captured German ships such as the *Homer*, *Berengaria*, and others. The building of a 60,000-ton vessel would be a great triumph for British marine engineering, for increase of size makes increase of speed a formidable problem. None of the world's large liners except the *Mauretania* does 24 knots on regular service.

Apart from problems of construction the size limit to the size of liners is a herculean task. This is ample at Southampton, but not at New York. The passage up the Narrows and the getting of these giant vessels into the Hudson River docks will be more than ever the thrill of the transatlantic trip.

Politics By Candlelight.

There was a weird scene in Parliament this week when the electric light suddenly failed in the middle of a debate in the House of Commons, and darkness put a stop to speeches for an hour till the light came on again. An attempt was made to relieve the gloom by introducing a few candles, which were placed on the table in front of the Clerk, but the glimmer only served to intensify the surrounding blackness, and the sitting was suspended. In the corridors the lanterns used by the night watchmen when the House is up were requisitioned, but they created a Guy Fawkes feeling. The police, patrolling outside, were strengthened. Some thought that the failure of the light lasted too long to be accidental.

In circumstances such as these men do what is most characteristic of them. Thus the Prime Minister made his way into the lobby pipe in mouth. Others groped their way out of doors, and about a hundred, reprimanded in the House talking in the darkness though they could not see each other. It reminded one of the air raids during the war.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

New Year's Eve.
Golf: New Year Meeting, Fanning.
Annual Children's Sports at Police Recreation Club.
Cricket League: Division I: Craigengower v. Indian R.C. "A." Division II: University and XI v. Police R.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Vamar.
Friendly Cricket: K.C.C. v. Navy (first day); Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; K.C.C. v. Army; Club de Recreio v. K.C.C. 2nd XI; I.R.C. "B" v. R.A.F.; H.K. Electric Co. v. China Light and Power.
Football: Annual Charity Match: Royal Navy v. Army, Soerunpoo, 4 p.m.
Football League: Division II. "B" (King Woo v. South China "A"); Molesworth v. Chinese Ath.; South China "B" v. Scouts; Kowloon v. St. Joseph's.
Yachting: Reserved for Resail or other race if necessary of racing yachts.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's College Concert in aid of School Building Fund, Great Hall, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong Hotel special dinner dance.
Repulse Bay Hotel New Year's Eve Carnival.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel special dinner dances, 8 p.m.
President's Dance at Craigengower Cricket Club.
New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Dance at Peak Club, 9.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Resurrection." World Theatre: "Alons of the South Sea." Star Theatre: "Padded." Principal Mail: Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers (Pyrhus); U.S.A., etc. (President Harrison). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Suigang), 8.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Hakusan Maru), 12.30 p.m.
Sunday.
New Year's Day.
Golf: New Year Meeting, Fanning.
Entries close for United Services Recreation Club Tennis Tournament.
Fanning Hunt: Drag Hunt, meet at Mrs. Dunbar's Bungalow, 10 a.m.
Yachting: Reserved for Resail or other race for Cruisers.
Cricket: University "Past v. Present." Pokfulam ground.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
Cafe Regent special dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste." World Theatre: "Fine Manners." Star Theatre: "Volcano."
Monday.
Public Holiday.
Golf: New Year Meeting, Fanning.
Football: Married v. Single annual match, Kowloon Football Club, 11 a.m.
Fanning Hunt: Point to Point (Lightweight and Heavyweight) Races. Meet Souza's "Bungalow," 3 p.m.
Yachting: Presented Cup Race, or resail for Cruisers.
Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Navy (second day); Craigengower C.C. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI; Indian R.C. v. Bateman v. Bowlers.
Annual Children's Sports at Kowloon Cricket Club.
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Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. Punjabis 3rd XI.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 6-8.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
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Tuesday.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Chief and Engine-Room Artificers of the China Squadron Annual Ball, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste."

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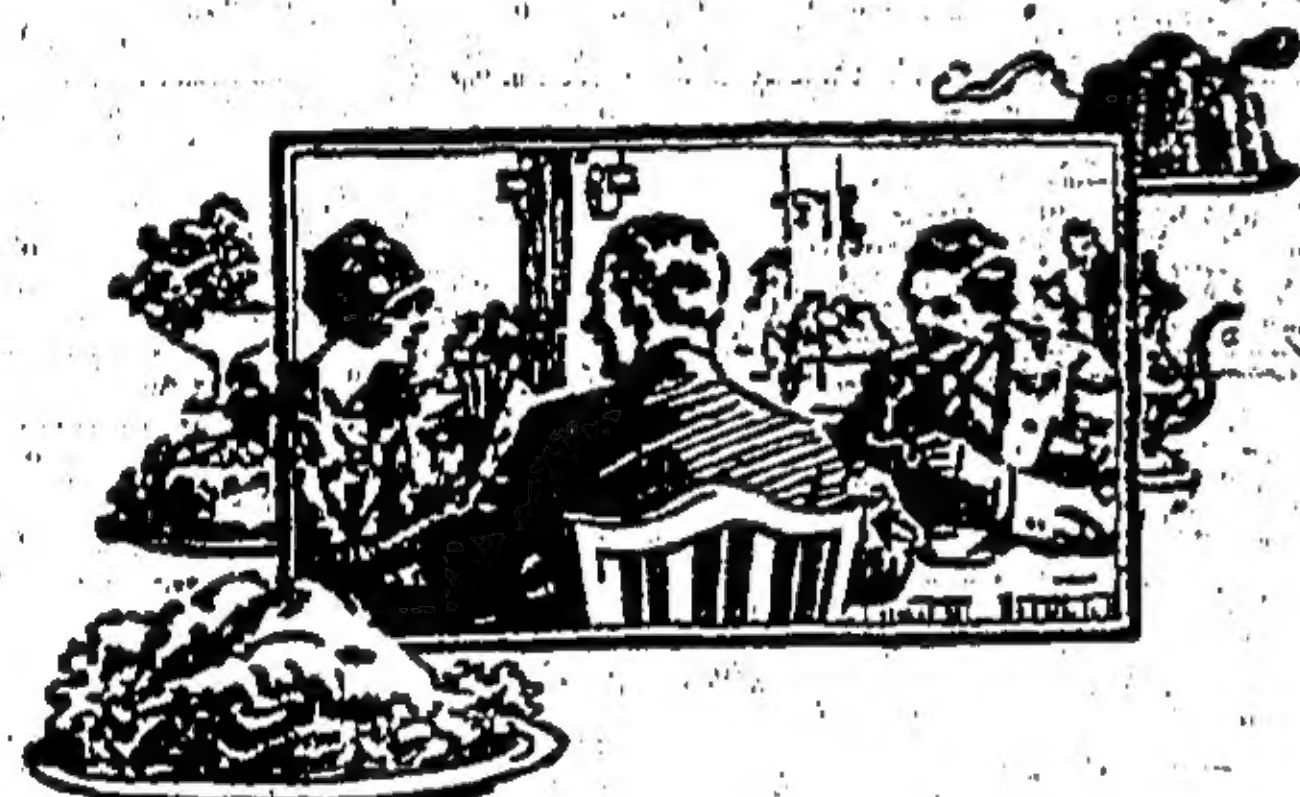
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"An American" writing in the *Japan Advertiser* gives the following very interesting reflections on British and American influence in the world. A very generous tribute is paid to the work of the British people in giving order and good government to all places under their rule. The number of world ports under the British flag is also emphasised.

On the other hand the great influence of America upon manners and customs largely due to the overwhelming predominance of United States films is pointed out. "Modernism" is, in fact, largely American culture.

At the close of a leisurely journey around the world that has taken me into most of the countries of Asia, of Northern Africa and of Europe, I realize that the three outstanding impressions made by my wanderings are: British control of nearly every strategic point in world commerce or world trade except in the New World; the increasing prevalence of American culture in all lands; the dominance of the English language to-day and, apparently, in the future.

If one take ship at Yokohama or Kobe for London, the first port touched is Shanghai, a conglomeration of all nationalities but a city in which the British influence is unmistakably paramount. The next port is the city of Victoria on the island of Hong Kong, a British Crown Colony. Only the American ships then go to the American port of Manila, and only the French vessels to the French port of Saigon. All other liners for Europe sail from the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong to the British Crown Colony of Singapore, and then to the British Crown Colony of Ceylon with its lovely port at Colombo. The next stop made is at Aden, a bit of British soil at the entrance to Red Sea.

All boats must pause for at least a few minutes at the entrance to the British-controlled Suez Canal and again as they leave it at Port Said to enter the Mediterranean. Some then touch at Alexandria, and a British army still remains in Egypt despite the British recognition of the independence of that Kingdom, while others call at the British island of Malta. Marseilles, a French port, comes next, but British Gibraltar follows that, and then on through the Atlantic Ocean and up the Thames to London itself.

The British Empire.

It would be impossible to make this journey without gaining a new, deeper and broader conception of the British Empire, and without respecting the energy and ability of the people of a little island off the coast of Europe who have built this world dominion. Those unfortunate persons possessed by Anglophobia might find themselves greatly irritated, but it is more probable that they would find their unjustified grudge melting away and giving place to genuine admiration and respect for the British people.

For one who is in the least observant sees a great deal more than the red spots on the map as he makes this trip. Wherever there is British rule he sees good roads, good streets and good traffic observance; he sees sanitary conditions which are frequently in striking and most pleasing contrast to the conditions near at hand but just beyond the zone of British law; he sees people working but working happily, able to retain the fruits of their labour and to enjoy them in peace; he sees a Colonial Government that is strict in its insistence on law and order but that ordinarily takes into consideration the rights and the peculiar susceptibilities of the peoples whom it governs; he sees, in a word, conditions established and maintained by the British that are conditions under which he himself would desire to live and do business.

Great Britain as a civilizing, an educational, a sanitary power, as a force for justice and fair play, as a factor in the progress of the world is immeasurable.

British Government.

The boast that the sun never sets on the Union Jack irritates certain Americans. I can not but believe that such irritation springs from ignorance. British government, either at home or in the colonies, is far from perfect, but it is so very superior to dozens of other types of government that are displayed before the voyager around the world that he is compelled to remove his hat in respect to it.

British World Policy.

It was because the people of the British Isles were forced overseas that the British to-day control nearly every strategic spot in world commerce and world trade. In the early days it was necessary to control those places which were strategically important from a military standpoint in order that the fields of productivity might be developed and that trade and commerce might be protected. The British Empire as it exists to-day

is a logical development from the needs of the British Isles of but a few centuries ago. It is no mere accident that only the port between Japan and England itself at which the ships of the world touch is non-British.

And then along the world traveller perceives the reverse side of the problem of the British Empire, reaches the realization that British policy, both foreign and domestic, is dictated from a world standpoint. We are proud of our "splendid isolation" in America, although that isolation is rapidly becoming a myth, but the British Empire cannot possibly withdraw into its shell and say: "You leave me alone and I shall return the compliment." It has no shell into which it might withdraw.

American Culture.

I have become used, living in Japan, to hearing the strains of American jazz float through the half-opened doors of the cafes of Tokio, ground out on the victrolas that are so prevalent here or screeched over the radio, whistled by the "high collar" youths of the cities and played on the harmonicas of the lads in the rice fields and mulberry patches. I was not prepared to hear it in every port of the world.

From Tokio to London the melody of "Bye, Bye Blackbird" greeted my ears. It was played in the cabarets of Shanghai, the hotel dining rooms of Singapore and Batavia. Played by a brass band, the tune drifted across the jewel-lake at Kandy to break the witchery of a moonlight night in the mountains of Ceylon. The ragmuffins of Cairo were chanting it and it rang about the mosques and minarets of Constantinople, broke crudely on the air of Vienna during Beethoven Festival Week, echoed across the medieval bridges of Prague, down the boulevards of Paris and along the Strand, and in Pasadena. Only when I reached New York did I cease to hear it in America; it was already out of date, and other tunes had been launched to take its place and in their turn to journey around the globe.

This song came to be a symbol, a symbol of the spread and prevalence of American culture. I use the word "culture" because I know or none better, although many will be found to quarrel with its application to jazz and the motion picture. "The characteristic attainments of a nation or people" is the definition I choose for the word in this connection for the dozen or so definitions that Noah Webster is always so considerate as to offer.

Moving Picture Influence.

I venture to say that not even the original Rabbit himself could journey around the world without being astonished at the progress American culture has made everywhere, not only in jazz but other phases as well. The American motion picture undoubtedly springs most readily to mind, and rightly so. Not only have our pictures invaded the remotest corners of the world, but they are having a tremendous influence in shaping life and society everywhere. Many a critic in this country decries the idea that the foreigner must gain of the United States from the motion pictures he sees, but the problem is a far deeper one than that. Important as what the world may think of us, the influence that we are having on the world through this medium is far more significant and is a responsibility that is greater in the extreme. We are proud of our "moral leadership" in world conferences; we are equally proud of our actual leadership in the formation of new habits and modes of life through the cinema.

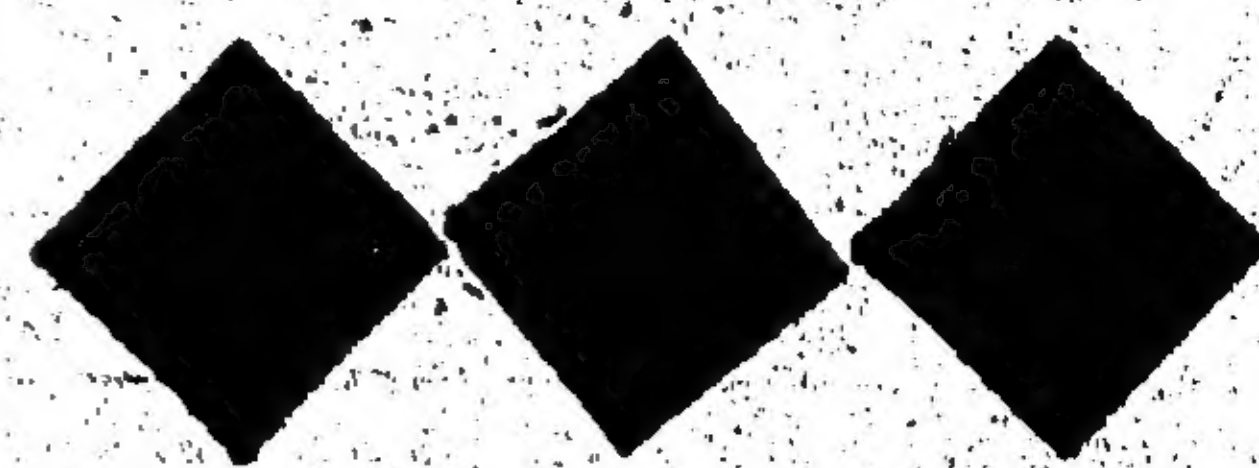
American dancing has swept the world. The bobbed hair (again American culture) flapper of Shanghai dances the one-step or the fox-trot to American jazz and talks of the Charleston. The ancient Bon Odori of Japan is disappearing and Japanese dancing partners in America are available in the cabarets of Osaka.

Spirit Of The Age.

Short skirts and bobbed hair, soft collars for men, American brands of soap and ice cream and American food drinks, the structural type of building made of concrete and steel, the newspaper with flaring headlines, American machinery and American methods of efficiency and of doing business—the list of things American found in the Far East, in the islands that lie along the equator, in Asia and Africa and Europe might be prolonged to many, many items.

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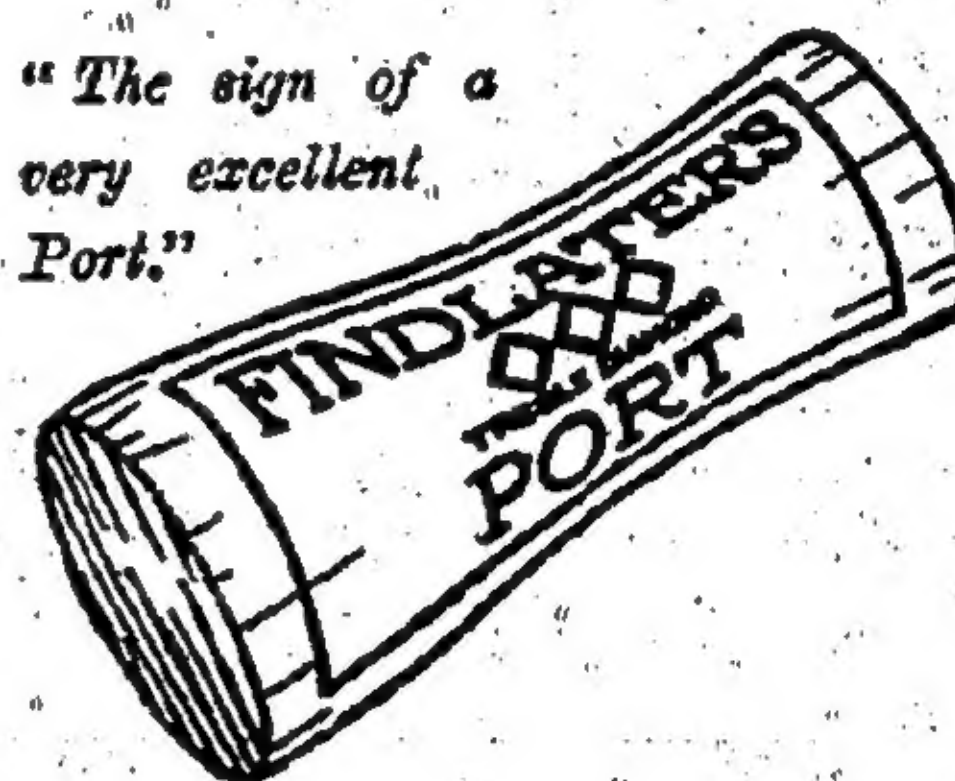
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MUSSOLINI REFUSES GIFTS.

Rome.

Signor Mussolini receives so many gifts from enthusiastic admirers, who shower presents often of considerable value upon him, that he has been obliged to issue a communique announcing that no gifts will be accepted in future.

He instructs all those who wish to show their devotion to him in this way to dedicate the money to charities or works of public utility.

The automobile is gradually conquering lands other than the United States, and as motor cars become numerous it is reasonable to suppose that the same changes which the automobile has wrought in urban life in America will take place elsewhere. Not all the automobiles are of American make, but the majority of them are and the motorized vehicle seems a typically American product, almost as American as "Bye, Bye Blackbird."

And there are other phases of American culture that are more truly cultural but that may not be as readily discerned. The American brand of Christianity is being pushed to the limit by American missionaries. The force that Woodrow Wilson has become among subject peoples is too well known to require further emphasis. Not all of the nations and peoples are welcoming this penetration of American culture as an unqualified blessing. Bitter denunciations may be heard, and there are hard struggles to prevent it in more places than one. In England itself Parliament recently passed a bill compelling motion picture theatres to show a certain percentage of British-made films, and throughout the British Isles there is an active and intense advertising campaign along nationalistic lines to the effect that "British goods are best."

I have used the term "American culture" but I question its accuracy. Is not the world becoming such a unit that what was once a peculiarly national product is now a world product, differing somewhat in its colouration according to various nations? Is not the tendency described above as "Americanization" merely the universal tendency of the present age, and the United States happens to be taking the lead, to be setting the pace?

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Do. (old)\$34 nom.
Do. (new)\$30.70 buy, 1 sel.

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DOG TRACK PROTEST.

Edgware, Middlesex, is up in arms against the proposal to build a greyhound racing track there, according to a letter which Major D. J. Temple, chairman of the local Ratepayers' Association, has written to *The Daily Mail*.

He writes that on the ground that this track and the crowds which it would attract would be detrimental to the charm and peace of the district, several local bodies, including the Rural District Council and the Ratepayers' Association, are seeking to ascertain what legal powers they possess to make their opposition effective.

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Prague194
Madrid29.14
Athens385
Rio5 15/16
Bombay5/6 3/32
Shanghai2/7
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**CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
IN CONVENTION.**

SHANGHAI MEETING SUGGESTS PAYING OFF
FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS.

**TAXATION OF HOME-MADE FOREIGN
STYLE GOODS.**

The fourth day of the convention of Chinese Chambers of Commerce was chiefly taken up with the discussion of the two subjects on which the Special Committees have submitted their reports: the question of the retention of Chambers of Commerce and the convocation of a national convention for devising means for the economic stabilization of the country.

Existence Of Chamber Of Commerce.

Concerning the first problem opinion is unanimous that the Nationalist Government has given historic recognition to the Chamber of Commerce which has been a factor of great helpfulness to the revolution, and in the constitution of the Kuomintang the co-operation of Chambers of Commerce is particularly solicited for the raising of funds in order to wipe off foreign obligations. Emphasis was laid on the advisability of revising the constitution and by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce to meet the new needs of the times, but the idea of throwing the Chamber of Commerce out of existence could not for one moment be entertained.

In this connection it is proposed that the admission of women members be encouraged, and the financial obligation of the members in the matter of membership dues be made as light as possible in order that merchants in less favourable financial circumstances may also gain admission. The Associated Chambers of Commerce for the sake of proceeding with their labours with the needed facilities will hereafter have their permanent headquarters in Shanghai and will hold bi-annual conventions to take place in the month of April.

The National Economic Convention.

The National Convention for the Economic Stabilization of the Country is expected to be an elaborate business in that the participation should be placed on a very representative basis. Accordingly it is proposed to have so representative a body of delegates as to enable them to speak authoritatively not only for merchants but likewise for agricultural associations, industrial organizations, financial interests, mineral interests, communications interests—official and unofficial—municipalities, intellectual workers, such as teachers and lawyers, and the Central Government. It is proposed that the conference once convened will carry on its labours as long as the convocation of the National Citizens' Convention, to mark the beginning of the constitutional regime in a theoretical stage. The Government authorities, national and provincial—as well as the participating interests are expected to bear the financial burden of defraying the expenses of the Economic Convention.

BABY'S "COMFORTER."

PLAN TO END FRENCH
POLITICAL QUARREL.

PARIS.

At attempt is being made to end the serious conflict between the French Senate, or Upper House, and the Chamber of Deputies on the question as to whether the rubber "comforters" used by mothers for their babies should be allowed to be sold in France.

The Chamber of Deputies, moved by the representations of their oldest member, Dr. Pinaud, a well-known specialist for children, 10 years ago passed a law which forbade the sale or use of these artificial soothers on the ground that they conveyed germs and dirt to the infants and were, moreover, extremely harmful to their lungs.

The Senate, however, had scientific advice which contradicted this statement, and refused to pass the law.

Five times since then the Bill has been sent up by the Chamber, each time to be rejected or delayed in the Upper House.

Recently the Committee of Hygiene of the Senate held an inquiry into the subject and the defenders of the baby's "comforter" won a signal victory. However, the whole affair has now been handed to a Joint Committee of scientists and doctors and the Senate has agreed to stand by their verdict whatever it may be.

Philanthropic Work.

The fifth day session was occupied with the discussion of various problems which combine business with philanthropy. A committee of 11 has been appointed to handle the preparatory work in connection with the economic conference. A letter has been received by the convention from the Chinese Foreign Finance Relief Society asking the delegates to participate in the relief campaign undertaken by the Society for the sake of the homeless victims in Kwangtung at the request of the Kuang-Shao Guild, the Chochoh Guild and the Chinese Overseas Association. A resolution was passed for local activities and for the despatch of a circular telegram in the name of the society to the various commercial bodies in different trade centres asking for their co-operation. The effective sympathy of Chinese overseas is also to be enlisted by a separate campaign.

Foreign Style Goods.

The resolution brought up by the General Chamber of Commerce, the City Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce concerning the taxation of home-made foreign style goods was discussed at great length, and it was pointed out that unless the Government would abolish the vexatious taxation which made it compulsory for the home-made goods to be taxed at every kien station, the growth of domestic industries would be greatly retarded.

Now that the Wu-Han district is out of the grip of the Communists a joint motion has been brought forward by several Chambers of Commerce to the effect that the cashing of the bank-notes issued by the Central Bank should be effected with the least possible delay.

A further resolution was proposed by the General Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, the City Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce of Commerce that the Nationalist Government should be called upon to set up at once the needed machinery for effecting all kinds of commercial registration in the country.

Protest Against Press Gang.

Other resolutions call for Government assurances that volunteers will not be drafted to military service, that river vessels will not be commandeered, and that houses already occupied will not be used for the housing of soldiers.

Mr. Chien Sheng Chu, a local attorney, submitted a paper urging the importance of the merchants' active participation in the revision of the Chamber of Commerce laws which in its present form is inadequate to meet the needs of the changed conditions of commercial life.

In the morning the delegates visited the Department of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce and the Department of Health, and later in the evening were guests at a banquet given at the Great Eastern Hotel by the Municipality of the Special District of Greater Shanghai.

BATTLE WITH SPEARS.

NATIVES FIGHT FOR A
WOMAN.

PERTH, W.A.

The north-west police have forwarded to Perth details of a gory battle between two native tribes on Goonda Doo Plains, in which one native was killed and many injured, two seriously.

The natives meet here annually for a "talk talk," and a fight generally develops, but never before has the fighting been so serious as this year. One hundred and thirty natives, dressed in nothing but war paint, indulged in a short-lived, fierce battle, and for a time hundreds of spears were hurled through the air on death-dealing missions.

The cause of the trouble was an aboriginal woman, who was desired by many of the males, but she favoured only two—Eric and Jibberoo.

Before the "talk talk" started Eric and Jibberoo fought with spears for pretty Margaret, but Jibberoo, when beaten, ungallantly refused to part with Margaret, and received the backing of his tribe, numbering about 60. On the opposing side were about 70 natives.

Despite the intervention of a missionary, the natives forgot that they had met for the purpose of a talk to settle amicably tribal differences. Worked into a frenzy, the hideously painted natives, yelling and screaming, fought fiercely until many of them tired and cleared into the bush.

**HORRORS OF
CHOCHOW.**

TROOPS RELEASE STARVING
WOMEN AND
BABIES.

FINE WORK OF SWASTIKA
SOCIETY.

BRAVE GARRISON'S DEFENCE.

The following graphic story was sent to the *Hankow Herald*, from Chochow, on December 5th, by Mr. Ariel L. Vargas:

Yesterday afternoon, the Shansi commander in Chochow, without previous warning, released about 100 women and children, who were evacuated from the northern gate. Only women, and children, up to the age of fifteen years, were allowed to leave. Boys older than fifteen have been pressed into service to assist the Shansi garrison to defend the wall. Two members of the Chinese Swastika Society crossed our lines with a flag to-day and arranged to evacuate 200 refugees, who were passed through the north-east gate, at 2.30 p.m.

Women's Eyes Bandaged.

The women left the city with bandages over their eyes. Once outside Chochow it was surprising how quickly their eye coverings were thrown off.

The plight of the refugees was pathetic. The mental agony depicted on their faces was expressive of long physical sufferings and shattered nerves. Mothers with wan faces and sunken eyes, owing to weeks of exposure to peril and wolf-like living conditions, clutched mere dolls of babies. Despite their bound feet they raced across no man's land, hugging infants to their breasts and in most instances pulling older children by the hand.

Truce During Rescue.

The Shansi troops respected the truce and their rifles were silent. I was in our front line and found the atmosphere pretty highly charged. All the Fengtien troops, about 150 yards from the gate, stood in readiness for anything, for the officers suspected this might be a ruse to cover the beginning of a big effort on the part of the garrison to escape.

Shortly after 2.30 p.m., we saw the gates open and the mob of refugees debouch, led by Kung Shiang-jung and Hsin, bearing the Swastika flags.

Once within the Ankuochun lines, women and children burst into tears of joy and more often hysteria. Northern soldiers in reserve only needed a friendly nod to run forward and relieve mothers of their children and to carry their few belongings to the end of their line, and pass them on to the other soldiers, and so on until the back areas were reached.

The trek was towards safety over the first stone bridge on the old imperial Peking highway. Previous evacuations of Ankuochun wounded soldiers that very day had left a sinister trail of blood on the marble roadway.

Red Cross Directs.

Troops of Chang Tao Lin helped to soothe these miserable refugees during this fearful procession across the bridge, where fifty open carts were in readiness to transport them to a concentration camp. All this work was done by the Swastika Society, which corresponds to our Red Cross. No sooner had the last cart rumbled on its way than the bombardment of the city recommenced and the Shansi garrison again opened fire on our lines.

Refugees say life in the city has been a living hell. All families are dwelling in dug-outs. Food is running out and wounded await death as a relief from agony.

Snatch For Food.

The Swastika people had food ready for the refugees, and you should have seen the winning impatience of the poor folk, especially the kiddies, as they waited for the portions to be doled out. They seemed to regard a real meal as a miracle.

Near by, a gun fired its opening shot, and with a bound the refugees came to their feet and looked around with a hunted air, seeking the familiar dug-outs. As soon as it was explained that there was little or no danger here, the starving people reached out for the food with animal gestures.

Generals Wan Fu Lin and Tsou Tsao Hsu served rice and flour.

All refugees speak of an American missionary named Ding, who has saved the civilian wounded. He is safe, but suffering from nervous strain and starvation. They said that many women could not leave because they had lost their reason.

During to-day's evacuation there was an old man who jumped out of a trench, and rushed towards the throng of women and children. (Continued at foot of next column.)

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approaching from Chochow. He searched for his daughter and infant baby, and he found them. The scene out there, when they embraced, was most affecting. The old man put the baby under one arm and tried to treat his big daughter in the same way, so anxious was he to help them both away.

A Pathetic Reunion.

There is no definite sign as to when this siege is to be lifted and the trench life for these soldiers is pretty severe in this weather, and even the headquarters staff, with whom I am billeted, have no fires. The city now is almost completely surrounded by barbed wire entanglements, and the Chochoh garrison is badly trapped. —N.C. Daily News.

AMERICA'S 1,000,000 LAWS.

"America has gone crazy on law-making."

Judge R. S. Hall made this statement when addressing the grand jury at Hattiesburg (Miss.).

"There are at present 1,000,000 laws in the United States, of which 93,000 were placed on the statutes last year," he said, "and the reason for the non-enforcement of so many of them is that 75 per cent of the people do not want them enforced."

CANTON AWAITS LI TSAI HSIN'S RETURN.

GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONING AND PEACE RESTORED.

NANKING GOVERNMENT REFUSES GRANT FOR RELIEF.

So far Canton has escaped the dreaded clash of rival factions. The troops of Chen Ming Shu and Wong Shiu Hung have shown no disposition to fight and negotiations for a peaceful settlement are supposed to be in progress. A good deal of mystery surrounds the question of Li Tsai Hsin's whereabouts. He is said to be on his way to Swatow from Shanghai, but rumour places him everywhere between the latter place and Hong Kong. He is clearly very much out of favour with the Nanking group who have summarily rejected his appeal for a grant in aid of relief at Canton.

Meanwhile in Canton the Government posts are being filled by Kwangsi nominees, and the city seems to be settling down at last to normal conditions of comparative quiet.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton was quiet yesterday, and Kwangsi troops continued to enter the City from the West River sector.

The 4th Army Corps (Ironsides) which is still intact and hostile to the Kwangsi Military Clique, is not very far from the City, being at Sheklung and Shektan, along the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Generals Chung Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung are with the troops and they will oppose the advance of General Li Tsai Hsin's Kwangsi troops from Swatow through the East River Districts. Latest reports to hand appear to show that outposts of the opposing armies in the East River districts have had skirmishes. Up to last evening, however, there was no real fighting.

LI TSAI HSIN IN NO HURRY

General Wong Shiu Hung, who was to have arrived at Canton on Friday morning, has sent an urgent request to General Li Tsai Hsin to return to the City from Shanghai immediately. If General Li left Shanghai on December 29th as reported, he should be in Canton within the next day or two.

According to a report from a neutral source, General Li Tsai Hsin has changed his mind and will not return to Canton City at once as General Wong has suggested.

A report from Swatow dated last Tuesday said that the Chinese warship *Chungshan* had arrived at Swatow and sided with the Kwangsi Clique.

According to a Kwangsi Party announcement their forces will now march from Wuchow to Waichow in order to dislodge the Kwangtung troops now at that City.

Comments of papers supporting General Li Tsai Hsin and his party are not wholly optimistic, despite their present success in regaining control of Canton. They are perturbed at the possibility of success on the part of the Kwangtung military clique headed by Generals Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung, whose men have withdrawn and allowed the return of Li's following unopposed. Whether General Li Tsai Hsin will be able to return to Canton and resume effective control is still an open question. If General Chen Ming Shu replaces General Li the prospects of the Kwangsi clique are not regarded as promising.

THE GOVERNMENT.

Pending the reorganization of the Provincial Administration in Canton, the following will carry on: Mr. Hsu Chung Ching, Commissioner for Education; Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; and Mr. Li Long Yu, an adviser to General Li Fook Lam.

The merchants are suggesting that General Cho' Fai Yat be retained as Commissioner of Canton Police. Although General Chu was appointed by a power in rivalry with the Kwangsi Clique, his administration of the Police Office has been satisfactory. General Tang Yin Hua will, however, again be given the post of Commissioner of Police. General Tang is now successor to General Li Fook Lam's command of the 6th Army Corps.

Mr. Lau Kwai Sheng, formerly a private secretary to the Mayor of Canton but recently with the Ministry of Finance at Nanking, arrived at Hong Kong yesterday on his way to Canton, where he expects again to join the Government service. Mr. Lau was for a time Commissioner of Finance of Canton City.

CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA TO CLOSE?

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT NEEDED.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE SPECIE RESERVE?

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Central Bank of China in Canton is suspending business for the time being, and unless the new régime will do something for its rehabilitation, it will repeat the history of its predecessors, and go into bankruptcy with nothing to meet its liabilities. It is the fourth time in Canton since the foundation of the Chinese Republic that a political group, after holding power for a time and forcing paper money into the market, has left it unredeemed when forced out of office. Such note issues have been backed by the Authorities who would make it a crime for individuals to discount or refuse to accept the notes. This latest concern is supposed to have had several million dollars in specie at one time to secure a small proportion of its unlimited and unregistered paper circulation, but whatever there was has been commandeered by the militarists and "Reds" during the last few weeks.

Party press organs have announced that an effort is being made to raise \$2,000,000 and to resume business, but since only small sums in notes are exchanged for specie the notes are falling in value. In Hong Kong, it is still accepted between 50 and 55.

In Kowloon, the Canton paper money was still worth 75 a few days ago. Perhaps the report that the "Reds" had taken the specie away from the Central Bank of China had not reached that port.

Owing to customers tendering depreciated paper money to redeem their pledges, many pawn-shops have closed down.

Mr. Wong Loong Shang will return to Canton to resume his charge as manager of the Central Bank of China.

FRENCH ADMIRAL AT MACAO.

GUEST AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Admiral Jean Stotz, Commander in Chief of the French Naval Forces in the East, paid an official visit last week to H.E. the Governor of Macao. Admiral Stotz, whose flagship is in Hong Kong, made the trip in the French gunboat *Argus*. As the French vessel entered the port a salute was fired from the Portuguese gunboat *Patric*.

The French Admiral was received at Government House by H.E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, and in the evening a dinner in honour of the visitor was given at Government House, followed by a dance.

During his stay at Macao, Admiral Stotz was the guest of H.E. the Governor of Macao, at Government House.

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WHY RUSSIANS WERE SHOT.

SEVENTEEN DAYS IN IMPRISONMENT.

CHILDREN AND WOMEN ILL-TREATED.

The Russian Consul-General, M. Pokhvalinsky, who, it will be recalled, was arrested when Li Fook Lam's troops overcame the "Reds" at Canton, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon on the Hong Kong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's s.s. *Kinshan*.

He was accompanied by his wife and two little daughters. With them were three other Russian ladies, whose husbands were vice-consuls, and had been shot by the Canton Authorities after the "Reds" had been defeated.

After being in prison since December 17th, a matter of thirteen days, the Russian Consul-General (who was to have been put on trial) and the ladies mentioned, were released yesterday morning and escorted by Canton detectives to the waterfront, where they embarked on the *Kinshan*.

Canton detectives travelled with them to Hong Kong, and on arrival here European detectives from Police Headquarters went on board. From the *Kinshan* the party were escorted to their hotel.

The Russian Consul-General and the ladies of the party arrived with only what they stood up in. The Consul-General was wearing a grey suit, white pull-over sweater, brown shoes, but was without a hat.

Shortly after reaching the hotel, he and the ladies left on a shopping expedition to replenish their wardrobe. Before they left Canton they were provided with clothes by the German Consul-General.

Last night a *Daily Press* representative was able to interview Monsieur Pokhvalinsky, at the hotel, and he told a graphic story. It appeared that the entire staff of the Soviet Consulate was arrested on December 13th and taken to the Military Headquarters at Tungshan. Five Russians, vice-consuls, secretaries and translators and other Chinese members of the staff were executed the next morning just outside their place of imprisonment.

The women were alleged to have been ill-treated by the Chinese officers. They were in want of food and drink during their captivity, and the children, all little tots, were continually crying for food.

Shortly after 8 p.m. last night, a *Daily Press* representative was allowed to interview Monsieur Pokhvalinsky, and the first thing the Soviet Consul general said was "I am sorry because all my staff had been killed."

That was the most awful part of my experience. We lost all our belongings and all State documents were taken away. Our consulate was thoroughly ransacked and is now an empty room."

WHOLESALE SHOOTING.

"Yes my vice-consul Hassis was shot but fortunately for him he was not married. My secretary Vacoov was also shot and his wife and a little daughter 8-years-old are with me now. In all five Russians were shot, but six of my Chinese staff shared the same fate. My baby's nurse, my cook and other servants were also executed."

FORTHCOMING FILMS.

CANTON-UNDER-THE REDS.

"BEAU GESTE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Canton Under the Reds," a film record of events in the recent revolt, secured at such personal risk, is to be screened at the World Theatre from Tuesday to Thursday of next week. Although necessarily scrappy, the film is of exceptional local interest, particularly the part showing captured Russians being marched through the streets.

To-day, New Year's Eve, Tolstoy's "Resurrection," is at the Queen's Theatre, owing to its length, it begins promptly after the overture at 8.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. Performances in the World Theatre to-day are at the usual times and performances in the Star are from 5.15 to 8.45 continuous and again at 9.30.

"BEAU GUESTE"

To-morrow's feature attractions, as announced in special advertisements appearing in this issue,

LIFE IN A CHINESE GAOL.

"We were arrested on December 13th in the evening and were taken to the East Parade Barracks at Tungshan. For the first night we were all herded together in the corridor enclosed by iron grilles. Our hands were bound behind our backs. Here are the bruises on my wrists (which were very ghastly) and they are seventeen days old, mind you."

IF YOU KNOW A CHINESE PRISON.

Asked as to what he went through while he was in prison, Monsieur Pokhvalinsky said "If you know Chinese prison... Well my wife and child were ill-treated. For seven days we did not have sufficient to eat and not enough water to quench our thirst. My two daughters, aged 5 and 2, were continually crying for more food and drink."

"My vice-consul Vacoov also left behind a little girl of two. She and her mother were also in dire need of food and drink."

GERMAN CONSUL HELPS.

"On December 21st, we were once more transferred to Police Headquarters. Later we received assistance from the German Consul-General. He sent us some bedding, and before we were deported, we also received some things and money from him. The money was sent by my Government from Moscow."

WHY RUSSIANS WERE SHOT.

Our representative then inquired of M. Pokhvalinsky why his staff were killed and he left alone. He said that he really could not account for it, but from what he had heard from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Canton, it appeared that the authorities had said that Russians had taken part in street fighting when the Reds had control of the city. That, he said, was the probable reason why Russians were executed.

WHERE THEY ARE GOING?

M. Pokhvalinsky and party are leaving here for Shanghai on Monday, where they will at once be placed on board a Japanese steamer for Kobe, for they will not be allowed to land in Shanghai. From Kobe they will make their way to Vladivostok and thence to Moscow.

"HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS" WANTED.

M. Pokhvalinsky had only been in Canton for six months having arrived there from Moscow. Before we parted, M. Pokhvalinsky made a request to our reporter that he should be glad to have copies of the *Hong Kong Weekly Press*, for the whole month of December. "I am sure, you will oblige me," he added.

are the famous French Foreign Legion story, "Beau Geste," with Ronald Colman, at the Queen's Theatre; Gloria Swanson's latest comedy love-drama, "Five Minutes," at the World Theatre; and a drama of Martinique, "Volcano," with Bebe Daniels, at the Star Theatre.

"Beau Geste," which will remain at the Queen's Theatre until Thursday, is another very long film, and like "Resurrection," it will begin at special times immediately after the overture. Times and prices of admission are as follows:—2.30 and 7.15, \$1.00, 80 cts. and 40 cts.; 5.00, \$1.00, 80 cts. and 40 cts.; 9.30, \$2.00, \$1.50 and 80 cts.

THE STAR THEATRE.

Patrons of the Star Theatre will be pleased to learn that a general decrease is being made in prices as from to-morrow, also, that performances in future are to be continuous from 2.30 to 11.15 p.m. The new prices are as follows:—Until 8 o'clock—dress circle 60 cents, back stalls 40 cents, front stalls 30 cents; after 8 o'clock—dress circle 80 cents, back stalls 60 cents, front stalls 40 cents.

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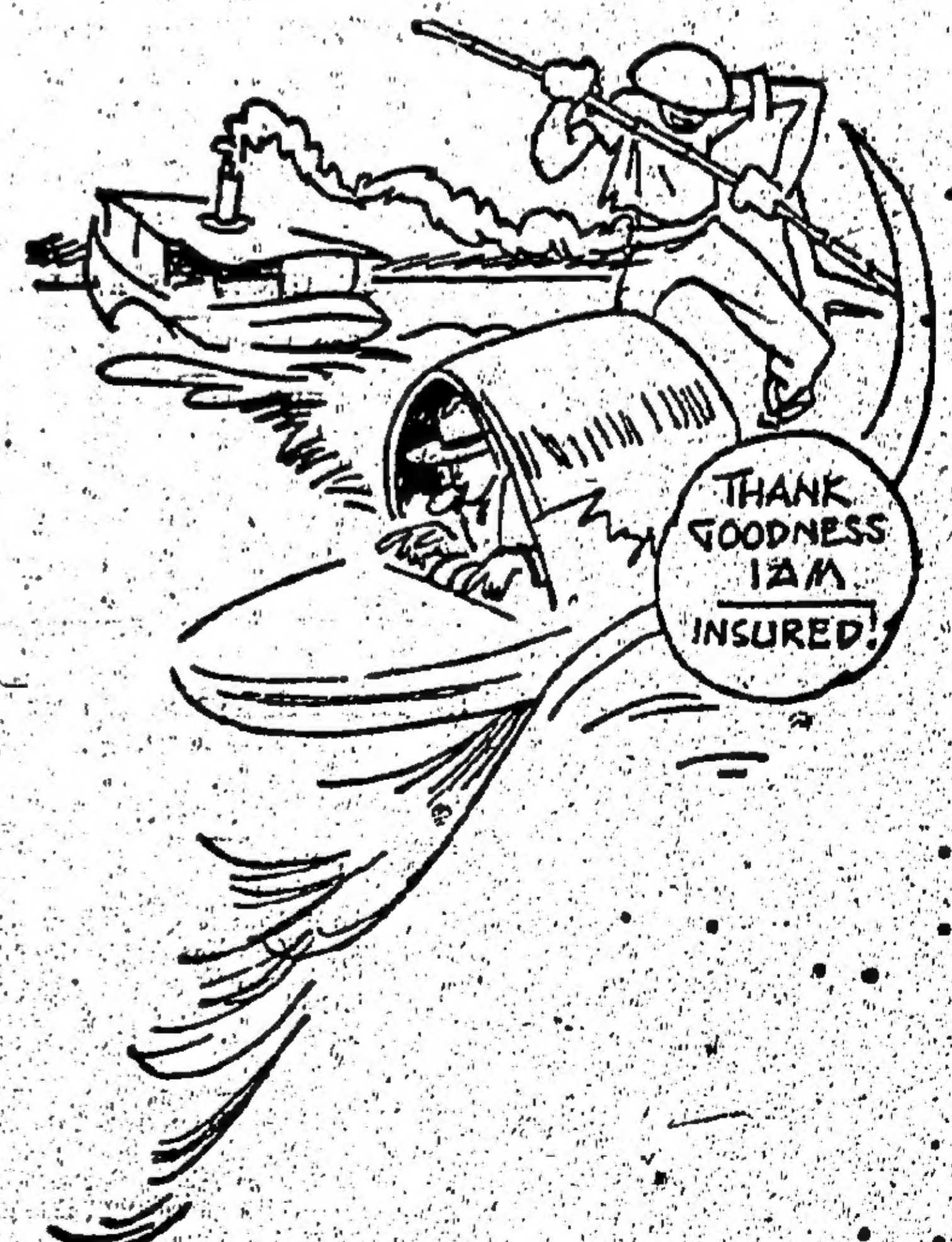
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NANKING'S FINANCIAL STRINGENCY.**NEW GOVERNMENT ENDEAVOURING TO RAISE A LOAN.****MARSHAL CHIANG GOING TO NANKING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30th. The financial stringency in Nanking is likely considerably to affect the Government which is endeavouring to raise a loan of \$1,000,000 on the security of the Salt Tax of Canton, which has long ceased its monthly contribution of \$2,000,000. Chiang Kai-shek's \$600,000 is now being diverted to pay his troops, while Tiao Yuan is retaining all the revenues of Anhwei.

As a result Nanking authorities are forced to rely solely on the revenues of Kiangsu. Chiang Kai-shek is expected to go to Nanking on January 3rd, but has postponed his resumption of the Generalissimo till the conclusion of the session's fourth plenary meeting of the Central Executive Committee and the Central Special Committee of the Kuomintang when the new Cabinet will be announced.

Fifteen hundred of Pei Chung Hai's 13th Corps from Kashiung entrained for Shanghai yesterday surrounded by a regiment of Ho Ying-ching's First Army who wanted to disarm them, but eventually allowed their train to proceed to Lungwha after Headquarters had explained that the 13th were en route to Hankow.

BANDIT OUTRAGE IN CHAPEL.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30th. A bandit outrage raged in the Chapel district of Shanghai last night, and about 45 shops were thoroughly plundered.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30th. According to a telegram from Kirov, the Russian authorities have detained many Chinese who were immigrating into Russian territory. They declare that no Chinese will be allowed to proceed to Russia for any purpose.

As a reprisal, the Peking Government has also issued an order prohibiting Russian immigrants into China.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30th. No serious fighting has occurred during the last few days between the Shanai troops and the Fengtienese. Skirmishes are reported to have occurred near Shihoh-chuang.

YANG SEN ALLIED TO NANKING.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

IOHANG, Dec. 29th. A representative of the Nationalist Government arrived at Ichang today (December 29th) from Nanking, and it is stated that General Yang Sen appears to be more definitely allied to this Government now than he was formerly.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

KIUKIANG, Dec. 29th. That attempt is being made to suppress Communism is shown by an announcement that the Defence Commissioner has made numerous arrests of Communists in this district.

ENGLAND'S VILE WEATHER.**GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT. MANY ROADS IMPASSABLE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 30th. The countryside in southern England remains snowbound and although a gradual improvement is reported in some of the main roads many are still impassable and the work of clearing is hampered by the continuance of sharp frost. High winds have dropped, however, and the English Channel is calmer. Sailings are being resumed from Dover to Calais to-day.

The air services to the continent from Oroydon operated yesterday and an unusually large number of passengers was carried. Frost has checked the flood in the Thames valley and the situation in Canterbury and Maidstone has improved, the floods caused by the overflowing of the Stour and the Upper Medway having subsided.

Roads which were flooded are now coated with ice.

The railway services are now practically normal. Traffic on most of main railway lines has been but little affected and London North Eastern Railway worked no fewer than two hundred additional trains during the holiday season despite snowdrifts and frozen points and carried about 975,000 long-distance passengers and 400,000 parcels.

The international telephone services have now been resumed but communication with the Continent is hampered owing to many of the lines to Paris and to Zurich and Basle being down.

Forecasts indicate a continuance of the frost during the week and with possibility of further snow falls.

Shortage Of Food And Fuel.

RUGBY, Dec. 29th.

The latest weather forecast affords hope that milder conditions will relieve the plight of inhabitants of towns and villages which are still snowbound and in many of which real hardship is being endured owing to a shortage of fuel and food supplies.

Reports from all quarters tell of men struggling for miles on foot, or horseback across fields deep in snow to take food supplies to remote districts and of gallant efforts made by doctors to reach patients in isolated places.

The work of clearing roads of snowdrifts has been rendered even more difficult by severe frost which has turned the drifts into masses of ice.

Even London has been threatened with a shortage of fuel and food supplies. Coal merchants have been getting supplies of coal satisfactorily by train but have been unable to deliver it to householders owing to the icebound streets. In Covent Garden supplies of vegetables are short as these come mainly by road. Milk supplies have been considerably affected but are now being delivered nearly normally.

A large number of French people are held up in England through an accident to the Channel steamer *Engadine* which made a fresh start for Paris to-day by the Newhaven-Dieppe route. Others waited at Folkestone for the *Maid of Orleans* which left Boulogne for Folkestone at mid-day with 838 passengers aboard and was afterwards leaving for Boulogne again. It was hoped this morning that the French boat would be available for passengers wishing to cross from Dover to Calais but at mid-day it was announced there would be no Dover-Calais sailing to-day. The Newhaven-Dieppe and Southampton-Le Havre services are normal.

When the Cunard liner *Aquitania* arrived at Cherbourg last evening, en route for New York, her commander, Sir James Charles, decided that the high wind and seas made it too hazardous to go into harbour. The liner had to cruise around outside the harbour all night. She managed to enter at nine o'clock this morning after being held up over twelve hours.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A Frozen Desert.

LONDON, Dec. 29th.

Arctic conditions of extraordinary severity have transformed Britain into a frozen desert. Heavy snowfalls have blocked roads, isolated towns and villages and interrupted telegraph and telephone communication. Sheep and cattle have been overwhelmed.

The food market has been dislocated, and in many cases food supplies are completely cut off.

A number of main roads have been partially cleared by prodigious efforts, but many have been blocked again through heavy winds shifting snowdrifts often ten to twenty feet deep.

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ANOTHER SHANGHAI POLICE OFFICER SHOT.**SEQUEL TO ARREST OF KIDNAPPERS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 30th. Detective-Sergeant F. G. Campbell was shot in the abdomen this morning when a squad of foreign detectives were arresting two armed kidnappers in a bedroom of a Chinese house. The squad then fired killing one and seriously wounding the other kidnapper. Both were armed with automatic revolvers. Campbell died while being taken to hospital.

STORMY WEATHER IN JAPAN.**RAILWAYS DISLOCATED AND WRECKS FEARED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, December 30th. Blizzards, heavy snowfalls, and tempests in North-western Japan are dislocating the railway traffic and many wrecks are feared with considerable loss of life.

FILM FINANCE.**AN ANGLO-AMERICAN DEAL.****BIG CONCERNS.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 30th. The United Artists Theatre Circuit Inc., have announced that it has arranged to acquire approximately a 25 per cent. interest in the New Standard Film Co. Ltd., a British concern.

It appears that the transaction was carried out by Mr. Joseph Schenk, president of the United Artists, and Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Ashfield, representing the New Standard Company, but it is stated that the British group will retain a controlling interest in the new organisation.

GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF DOMINIONS.**NO LONGER INTER-MEDIARIES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 30th. The decision of last year's Imperial Conference that the Governor-Generals of Dominions should cease to be intermediaries between the British and the Dominion Governments will take effect in Australia on Sunday, after which telegrams will pass direct between the two Governments. Copies of the communications will be handed to the Governor-General for his information.

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN'S RESIGNATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30th. The newspapers are of opinion that Mr. Philip Snowden's resignation from the Independent Labour Party was hastened by differences of opinion with regard to the Labour proposal as to the export, which Mr. Snowden contended should go to debt redemption and not to Socialist scheme.

The employment of heavy snow ploughs has permitted traffic on the main railway lines, but numerous branch lines have been abandoned as hopeless owing to the appalling conditions. Canterbury was submerged under several feet of floods during the short thaw. Now the frost has returned and the streets are encrusted with two feet of ice.

A fierce gale in the Channel has caused the suspension of cross-Channel services for four days, and 1,600 travellers to England, including the Ambassador, M. de Fleurbaey, are marooned indefinitely at Boulogne.

FIRST "UNDERGROUND" IN FAR EAST.**OPENED IN TOKYO.****TO BE EXTENDED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, December 30th. Patterned on the New York system, and claimed to be earthquake-proof, the first underground railway in the Far East was opened to the public this morning. At present it is only a mile and a half and connects the important railway terminus at Ueno with the pleasure quarter of Asakusa. Eventually it will be extended to nine miles in the western suburbs.

NEXT SCHNEIDER RACE.**LIVERPOOL-SOUTHPORT COURSE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 30th. The course between Liverpool and Southport, which has been suggested for use in the next Schneider Trophy race, was inspected yesterday by Captain Wilson, of the Royal Aero Club and Lieutenant Kinkhead, one of the competitors in this year's race.

The Mersey Harbour Board have offered every facility for the competing machines and a fine stretch of sand along the course would, it is suggested, provide an ideal grandstand for spectators and would ensure safety for spectators and competitors making forced landings.

AFGHANS STUDYING POLICE REFORM.**PARTY VISITING ENGLISH CITIES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 30th. A party of six Afghans has arrived in London from Kabul to study the organisation and methods of the English police. Early in the New Year, they will visit Birmingham as a typical provincial town and, later, they will return to London to examine the methods of Scotland Yard and to extend their study to the Metropolitan Police system. Tarai Khan, the Afghan Minister of Kabul, was six months in England, during which he made himself thoroughly familiar with police organisation.

RELEASED FROM THE FOREIGN LEGION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 29th. John Harvey, the Englishman whose sentence of imprisonment for desertion from the French Foreign Legion was recently remitted by the French Government, was formally released from the Legion to-day. He had been excused from serving the remainder of his term of enlistment in the Legion.

Harvey left at once for Cardiff his home town.

GERMAN EXPLORER SAFE.**UNFOUNDED REPORT OF DR. FILCHNER'S MURDER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29th. The German consul here has received a message stating that the report last August of the murder of a German scientist named Filchner on the Chinese and Tibetan border is unfounded. It is now ascertained he and his companions are safe and expected to reach Ladakh shortly.

R.A.F. FLIGHT TO THE EAST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COCHIN, Dec. 29th. The Royal Air Force Flying Boats have arrived.

THE "MOTH."**AIR MINISTRY ORDERS TWENTY.****TO BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 30th. An order for 20 of the latest two-seater Moth type of aeroplanes, fitted with 30 horse-power Cirrus mark second air-cooled engines, has been given to the De Havilland Company by the Air Ministry and will be used by the Home Defence Air Force for purposes of communication between aerodromes and military centres. These machines, which are in wide use by civilian flying clubs, have a top speed of 103 miles hourly and a cruising speed of 85 miles. Economy in petrol consumption will be effected by their employment on tours of inspection and for other purposes of communication.

PALESTINE RELIEF FUND.**SIR ALFRED MOND'S EFFORT.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 29th. Sir Alfred Mond is raising a fund of £20,000 for the relief of unemployed in Palestine. Mr. Bernard Baron, the millionaire tobacco magnate, has subscribed £2,000 towards the fund.

A substantial sum has already been transmitted to Palestine by Sir Alfred Mond who himself contributed £1,000.

UNEMPLOYED IN BRITAIN.**200,000 FEWER THAN A YEAR AGO.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 29th. The Minister of Labour announces that on December 19th the total number of unemployed in Great Britain was 1,099,900. This was 25,225 less than the week before and 49,811 less than a fortnight previously. It was 209,838 less than the year before.

H.M.S. "RODNEY'S" STEAM TRIAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 29th. The new battleship *Rodney* left Plymouth to-day for twenty-four hours' steaming trials in the English Channel.

DOGS TO REPLACE HORSES.**FATE OF A FRENCH RACECOURSE.****LURE FOR BRITISH VISITORS.**

PARIS.

When greyhound racing with parimutuel betting is begun in France, which is expected to be next spring, a bid will be made first for patronage from the London sporting public who can spend week-ends on the Continent. Dunkirk, with the support of the Northern Railway of France, is pushing a scheme for setting up a dog racing track at Malo-Bains, the seaside resort outside the city with which it is connected by a short tramway. Negotiations are in progress for the transfer to a dog racing society of the racecourse, which has never paid its way.

The idea is that Londoners will welcome the opportunity of spending holidays and Sunday afternoons on the Continent and seeing Continental dogs of various fast breeds—greyhounds, sloughs, and borzoi—pitted against one another. The new London-to-Paris route via Tilbury and Dunkirk will be an easy means of travel.

Track Near Le Touquet.

In addition to the Paris area, where efforts are being made to arrange for a track at the Velodrome Buffalo and at other places outside the city limits, companies have also applied for authority to open tracks at Rouen, Lyons, Lille, and Le Crotoy, a few miles from the Channel coast of Le Touquet.

The whole question of dog racing in France is dependent, however, on the Senate vote on the Bill at present before Parliament, and it is not expected that active operations can be undertaken before May at the earliest.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast, and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.08 p.m., stated:

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh to moderate, generally cloudy.

RADIO IN SHANGHAI.**WHY BROADCASTING HAS CEASED.****MEMBERSHIP OF 500 NECESSARY.**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27th.

At the termination of the carol service at Shanghai Cathedral, which was broadcast by the C.B.A. on Wednesday last, the following address was made on broadcasting and the objects of the Association to further same which has just been formed.

Radio broadcast in Shanghai has had a chequered existence and has been almost entirely administered by firms dealing in receiving apparatus, and consequently interested in fostering a demand for such. It has been the experience of such firms that the costs involved have been quite out of proportion to resultant sales and, one by one, they have come to the perfectly reasonable conclusion that the game was not worth the powder and shot.

Consequently, the Kellogg organization's recent decision to abandon the broadcasting of foreign programmes and, later still, a like intention expressed by the Radio Supply Company, has made it abundantly clear that even the limited programmes heretofore available will shortly cease and the large foreign community in Shanghai, and indeed this part of China, will be deprived of what might well become an important medium for the transmission of news and instructive amusement, as is the case elsewhere.

Thus, it became clear that either radio activity must be allowed to die or, alternatively, its life maintained by means of some form of co-operative effort. The idea of the China Broadcasting Association was, therefore, conceived.

Now, from whatever angle the question is viewed, certain facts stand out clearly and these are:

First—money has to be found. Second—compulsory raising of funds by taxation or otherwise is entirely out of the question.

Third—a means has to be devised whereby the minimum number will enjoy programmes without payment.

Fourth and last—a programme has to be provided at regular times from limited available material and such as to reasonably satisfy a particularly diverse community.

At the outset and at least until things have passed the preliminary stages, the affairs of the Association are being handled by a committee, these being Mr. P. H. Cole, engineer-in-chief and general manager of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co.; Mr. R. W. Davis, managing-director of the *North-China Daily News*; and Mr. C. S. Taylor, acting engineer-in-chief and manager of the Municipal Electricity Department. It is perhaps not unreasonable to say that a committee so constituted may be confidently looked to for results if such are obtainable and that there is furthermore no cause for apprehension as to the fate of the funds subscribed.

Problem of Subscription.

As to the problem of subscription. A subscription which would be quite inadequate with a small initial membership can equally well become more than sufficient should the objects of the Association be fully realized and radio become a part of our daily life as elsewhere. After some thought, it was decided that an annual subscription of \$10 would take care of the finances at the outset and at the same time be such as not to be burdensome. Of course, this decision was necessarily based on the assumption that a fair proportion of those at present interested in radio broadcast would at once become members of the Association.

A Generous Offer.

When the creation of this Association was contemplated, Mr. Roy Delany of the Kellogg organization indicated that he was willing to give full co-operation. As a result of tentative negotiations, the China Broadcasting Association holds provisionally the right to administer and control all foreign broadcast from the efficient studio and station operated by the Kellogg Company, subject only to the payment of a nominal rental for the purpose of regularizing the transaction. I feel that the thanks of all interested in radio are due to Mr. Delany both in respect of this co-operation and also because of the money and effort which he has expended for a very considerable time in the somewhat thankless and even more profitless task of operating the well known K.B.C. broadcast under conditions which I know partook of little that could be described as encouraging.

Tentative Plans.

The approximate times of broadcast will be 1 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. Time signals, probably taking the form of transmission of the new Customs Clock chimes, will be broadcast at the commencing time of each of the three periods, and the first portion of the 1 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. broadcast will be devoted to news items and exchange and (Continued on next column.)

THE FRENCH BANK RATE REDUCTION.**PARIS' NEWSPAPERS' COMMENT.**

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 30th.

The newspapers' comment upon the reduction in the bank rate on France. It is now at its lowest since the war and is lower than those of all the great countries except the United States.

The *Journee Industrielle* says the reduction shows that France's financial conditions are quite sound and was evidently effected because of the exceptional abundance of capital on the Paris money market. The *Echo de Paris* observes that the reduction will enable the Banque de France to take full control of the discount which for a considerable time has been diverted elsewhere.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

First Gold Shipment From New York.

New York, Dec. 29th.

\$10,000,000 worth of gold bullion has been shipped to France, and is destined, according to the French newspapers for the Banque de France in connection with the forthcoming stabilization of the franc.

LATER.

Well-founded reports state that the \$10,000,000 gold shipment to France will be followed by two further shipments of a similar amount.

The total outflow of gold from the United States up to December 27th is \$38,808,000.

Financial circles are giving close attention to the currency position of Europe, and it is expected that the Bank of Italy will shortly attempt to purchase gold.

It is expected that such a purchase will be made in New York in preference to London in view of the premium on the sterling exchange.

Discount Rate Reduced.

PARIS, Dec. 29th.

The Banque de France has reduced its discount rate from five to four per cent.

market reports, the remaining portion of these periods being devoted to short addresses or light music.

Reference to news and other reports, promptly to speak with a very considerable degree of satisfaction, which I believe will be shared by listeners concerning the close association of the *North-China Daily News* with this China Broadcasting organization. Under their direction, the news and other reports will be authentic and reliable.

Reverting to the question of programmes, I am glad to be in a position to announce the making of tentative arrangements for the broadcast of the *Majestic Hotel* orchestra and also of the Municipal Orchestra. Messrs. Moutrie's have undertaken the provision of well balanced programmes of the best that orthophonic records and reproduction can give. It is also gratifying to note that a number of capable artists have already come forward with offers of co-operation in the giving of periodical concerts and, indeed, I must confess to my surprise that the least of the Executive Committee's present troubles lies in the direction of programme provision.

Instructional Lectures.

Concerning Sunday transmission, the broadcast of Church services is contemplated and steps have already been taken to deal with the Holy Trinity Cathedral services in a far more efficient manner than heretofore. Arrangements will also be made for the provision of concerts and addresses of a type appropriate to the day. I have neglected to refer to the intention to inspire instructional lectures and addresses and also to broadcast any speeches of a notable nature which may from time to time be delivered.

The continued existence of the Association is altogether and entirely dependent on co-operative working. That has yet to be justified for the total membership enrolment since the announcement of the projected formation of the Association some 9 days ago is but approximately 100, representing funds of less than 1,000 dollars. This is but one-fifth of the minimum membership which will justify the promoters in putting their plans into effect, for it has been decided very definitely that nothing will be done in the absence of adequate support. Any other course of action would be manifestly ill-advised and would only involve those whose time is well filled in purposeless efforts. I hesitate to criticize the spirit displayed in this matter but I have no option and I would ask you to give dispassionate consideration to these not too encouraging facts.

It remains for me to appeal to listeners not only to support the China Broadcasting Association by their own membership but also to impress on all and sundry the necessity of joining the Association at once if the abandonment of our plans is to be avoided and Shanghai is not to become inarticulate in the radio sense.—N.C. Daily News.

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HOLIDAY SPORT.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK-END.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND
CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

The sports programme for the New Year holiday is not so big as the Christmas one but it promises to be very attractive.

Cricket and football are the chief items. There are a couple of matches in Division II. of the Cricket League to-day, also friendly encounters, of which particulars are given in another column, among them that on the H.K.C.C. ground where the Club are opposing the Navy. Last week the Club were beaten by the Army in a two days' match, and this match also will be continued on Monday. Another interesting fixture on the Kowloon ground is the K.C.C. v. the Army.

The League football matches for to-day are in the junior section. The annual match, played for charity, between the Army and the Navy which will take place on the Sookpoo ground at 4 p.m. should be well worth watching. There is golf at Fanling to-day, to-morrow and Monday, and a yachting programme at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has also been arranged. To-morrow's cricket match between the Past and Present of the Hong Kong University is an annual fixture which is always well attended.

Fencing Hunt will be out to-morrow in a Drag Hunt, meeting at Mrs. Dunbar's Bungalow at 10 a.m., while on Monday there is the Point to Point (Lightweight and Heavyweight), with the meet at Souza's Bungalow at 3 p.m.

An interesting fixture for Monday morning is the annual match, under the auspices of the Kowloon Football Club, between Married and Single members. This match generally provides good entertainment. The kick-off is at 11 a.m.

The annual Yuletide Children's sports are to be held to-day at the Police Recreation Club, and on Monday there is the Children's Day at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The excellent programme, which has been arranged should make it a happy festival for young and old.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

There will be three days of Football in the First Division of the Scottish League during the New Year Holidays, namely to-day, Monday and Tuesday.

In the English League there is a full programme to-day, but only a few on Monday, and no matches at all on Tuesday, the holiday only being observed in Scotland. There are eight matches in Division I. of the English League for Monday, three in Division II., none in Division III. (Southern), but six in Division III. (Northern).

The fixtures, as shown in the official handbook, are given below:

TO-DAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal v. Bury.
Birmingham v. Tottenham H.
Bolton Wanderers v. Cardiff C.
Burnley v. Blackburn R.
Leicester City v. Aston Villa.
Liverpool v. Sheffield United.
Middlesbrough v. Manchester U.
Newcastle U. v. Huddersfield T.
Preston N.E. v. Fulham.
Stoke City v. Southampton.
Swansea Town v. Blackpool.
West Ham U. v. Derby C.

Division II.

Bristol City v. Notts County.
Chelsea v. Reading.
Clapton O. v. Grimsby Town.
Rull City v. Barnsley.
Leeds U. v. South Shields.
M'chester C. v. Whamton W.
Nottingham F. v. Port Vale.
Preston N.E. v. Fulham.
Stoke City v. Southampton.
Swansea Town v. Blackpool.
West Brom A. v. Oldham C.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford v. Brighton & H.A.
Coventry City v. Watford.
Crystal P. v. Norwich City.
Exeter City v. Torquay U.
Gillingham v. Charlton A.
Luton Town v. Southend U.
Merthyr T. v. Plymouth A.
Millwall v. Northampton.
Newport C. v. Queen's Pk. R.
Swindon T. v. Plymouth & B.A.
Walsall v. Bristol Rovers.

Division III. (Northern).

Ayrton S. v. Nelson.
Bradford City v. Ashton.
Durham City v. Bradford.
Halifax Town v. Crewe A.
Hartlepool U. v. Wigan B.
Lincoln C. v. Doncaster R.
New Brighton v. Darlington.
Rochdale v. Barrow.
Rotherham U. v. Stockport C.
Southport v. Tranmere R.
Wrexham v. Chesterfield.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen v. Queen's Park.
Airdrieonians v. Hibernians.
Bo'ness v. Kilmarnock.
Celtic v. Raith Rovers.
Cowdenbeath v. Falkirk.
Hearts v. Hamilton A.C.
Motherwell v. Clyde.
Partick Thistle v. Dundee.
St. Johnstone v. Rangers.
St. Mirren v. Dunfermline A.

MONDAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Blackburn R. v. Everton.
Bolton W. v. Derby County.
Bury v. Leicester City.
Liverpool v. Burnley.
Middlesbrough v. Birmingham.
Newcastle U. v. Huddersfield T.
Sheffield U. v. Portsmouth.
Sunderland v. W. Ham U.

Division II.

Blackpool v. Grimsby Town.
Manchester City v. Barnsley.
South Shields v. Stoke City.
Division III. (Northern).
Ayrton S. v. Lincoln C.
Ashton v. Durham City.
Darlington v. Bradford City.
Hartlepool U. v. Barrow.
Stockport C. v. Rochdale.
Tranmere R. v. Rotherham U.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen v. Dundee.
Airdrieonians v. Falkirk.
Bo'ness v. Raith Rovers.
Celtic v. Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Dunfermline A.
Hearts v. Hibernians.
Motherwell v. Hamilton A.
Partick Thistle v. Clyde.
St. Johnstone v. Queen's Pk.
St. Mirren v. Kilmarnock.

TUESDAY.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Clyde v. St. Johnstone.
Dundee v. Bo'ness.
Dunfermline A. v. Hearts.
Falkirk v. Motherwell.
Hamilton A. v. Airdrieonians.
Hibernians v. Cowdenbeath.
Kilmarnock v. Celtic.
Raith Rovers v. St. Mirren.
Rangers v. Partick Thistle.

CRICKET.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

The following is the list of fixtures for the week-end holiday—
League: Division I.
Craigengower v. I.R.C. "A."

Division II.

University v. Police R.C.
Civil Service v. H.M.S. Tamar.
Friendly Matches.
H.K. Electric Co. v. China Light and Power.
H.K.C.C. v. Royal Navy (1st day).
Kowloon C.C. v. Army.
Regreio v. Kowloon 2nd.
Indian R.C. "B" v. R.A.F.

Sunday.

University—Past v. Present.
Monday.
H.K.C.C. v. Royal Navy (2nd day).
Indian R.C.—Bateman v. Bowlers.
Craigengower v. H.K.C.C. 2nd.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI. v. POLICE R.C.

This League match takes place on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the University ground.
University—F. Hicoots (capt.), W. M. Gittins, Dr. M. B. Osman, A. B. Suliman, B. N. Sudan, K. T. Loke, A. Chan Fook, S. R. Kermani, B. H. Schroter, S. F. Chen and H. T. M. Barma. Reserve: G. E. Yeoh.

UNIVERSITY "B" v. CLUB DE REGREIO.

This friendly match takes place on Monday, January 2nd, at 2 p.m. on the University ground.
University—S. R. Kermani, A. Chan Fook, A. B. Suliman, F. Hicoots, S. F. Chen, B. H. Schroter, A. A. Aziz, K. T. Loke, P. L. Tan, H. T. M. Barma and A. N. Other.

GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. STARTING TIMES, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for New Year Day and January 2nd are as follows:—
New Year's Day.

8.24 a.m. A. R. Cox and J. H. Bottomley.
9.29 " A. E. Wood and E. D. Matthews.
9.32 " S. T. Butlin and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.36 " F. M. Ellis and G. P. Lammett.
9.40 " S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
9.44 " J. F. Kennedy and H. M. Muir.
9.48 " W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.
9.52 " A. Leach and A. Somerfield.
9.56 " R. S. Smith and F. Syme Thomson.
10.00 " Sir Joseph Kemp and E. R. Hallifax.
10.04 " H. L. Mackenzie and F. G. Fowle.
10.08 " H. Spicer and G. W. Gardner.
10.12 " C. C. Stark and K. S. Robertson.
10.16 " A. O. Brown and T. C. Monaghan.
10.20 " W. Lonsdale and A. E. Lissaman.
10.24 " T. D. E. Pendered and L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.28 " G. Murray and R. Warbrick.
10.32 " L. Yates and J. Coulthart.
10.36 " R. M. Finlayson and H. F. Farr.

Monday, January 2nd, 1928.

9.24 a.m. F. S. Thomson and A. D. Humphreys.
9.28 " W. Ironside and G. S. Archbutt.
9.32 " J. H. Little and W. R. Mansfield.
9.36 " J. F. Kennedy and A. Morley.
9.40 " P. A. Perry and F. Cowherd.
9.44 " W. L. Dunbar and A. Leach.
9.48 " C. B. Brown and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.52 " A. E. Lissaman and K. S. Robertson.
9.56 " R. M. Smith and E. Davidson.
10.00 " P. P. J. Wodehouse and E. R. Hallifax.
10.04 " G. Murray and J. L. Shellshear.
10.08 " C. W. Jeffries and A. O. Brown.
10.12 " F. Taylor and E. D. Matthews.
10.16 " A. P. Buncey and S. M. Mayer.
10.20 " S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
10.24 " S. S. Perry and F. M. Ellis.
10.28 " J. W. Robertson and M. H. Ivy.
10.32 " J. P. H. Crawford and J. W. Alabaster.
10.36 " W. Adamson and J. Coulthart.
10.40 " C. B. Johnson and L. R. Andrews.
10.44 " L. E. A. MacKay and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.48 " T. Low and J. Bentley.

YAUMATI SCHOOL PRIZE DAY.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

WARM TRIBUTE TO STAFF.

The annual prize distribution at the Yaumati Government School took place yesterday morning, the awards being distributed by Mrs. G. P. de Martin.

Also on the platform were Mr. G. P. de Martin (Inspector of English Schools), and Mrs. A. O. Brown, wife of the Headmaster of the Yaumati School.

There was a large attendance of teachers, friends and pupils.

Mr. A. O. Brown, the Headmaster, extended a warm welcome to Mrs. de Martin. "We are," he said, especially pleased to have you take the leading part in this function, first because what is now the top class of the school was the bottom class during the last year of your husband's rule here, and secondly, because you are a resident of Taiipo from where a large number of our boys come.

Now for the report, which will be very brief, because this year has been a very unfortunate one for Yaumati School. I shall devote more time to the staff than to examinations. After all it is the staff which makes or mars a school yet we are apt to leave the staff in the background, the headmaster being the only person to come in the line of sight.

There has been only one change in the staff. Mr. Hon Kau Foon having left us and become the headmaster of the Cheung Chau School. We are sorry to lose him, but we are glad to have rejoined Mr. Lam Pak To who was here some years ago. Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Murphy have again done excellent work. Every year I hand to them the "raw material" and they accomplish wonders with it. Mr. Ho Yau Tak, the second master, has considerably relieved my burden. Mr. Pan Sik Lin had a very backward class but it was wonderfully improved. Mr. Chiu Him's class had the best results but he had the advantage of an excellent class to start with. Mr. Sung Hon Wing has been an excellent sports master. Mr. Hin King Him has looked after the library and Mr. Tang Chiu Kai has in his unassuming way done a lot of good work. The three vernacular masters, Messrs. Ng Kai Foon, Ng Wong To and Man Cheung Ki have also done well.

The average attendance for the whole school year, he said, was 247, and was normal, the previous year's average being only one less.

The school library was well patronised and admirably conducted.

The new sports grounds in King's Park had had much hard wear during the year under review, the students indulging in many strenuous sports.

The school premises were thoroughly renovated by the Public Works Department during the summer vacation, but the playground needs resurfacing.

Discipline And Health.

Speaking about the discipline at the school, Mr. Brown said that visitors commented favourably on the tone of the school, and he himself could say that he seldom had recourse to harsh measures or even harsh words in his dealings with the students, which fact stood out to the credit of the students.

The health of the staff and boys was very good, although there were some cases of fever among the Shatin boys. In the autumn there was a slight epidemic of influenza. The Medical Officer (Schools) in March, September and November, dealt with a few cases of defective vision.

School Work.

At the annual examination 93 per cent. passed. All subjects were moderately good, but colloquial and composition need further improvement. At the entrance examination to Queen's College, 38 passed out of 42 (92.7 per cent.)—an improvement on the previous year when it was only 75 per cent.

Six pupils gained Queen's College scholarships this year. Football and volleyball were popular during the year and the annual athletic sports in King's Park in December resulted in some keen competitions.

An innovation was several walking picnics held by the school on the Mainland and one over the Peak District to Aberdeen. All the school with the exception of Class IV, which was undergoing examination, went to the Agricultural Show. (Continued on next column.)

RASH CAUSED DISFIGUREMENT

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TAIKOO RIFLE CLUB.

CHRISTMAS EVE SHOT.

A very interesting ten shot took place at the Tai Koo Rifle Range on Saturday afternoon.

Shooting representatives from the various Military and Naval Rifle Clubs in the Colony were present, together with a number of members from the Tai Koo Rifle Club, and teams were selected on the Range. Among the spectators present were Messrs. E. W. Robertson, N. S. Brown, E. Templeton, K. E. Greig, W. J. Hill and A. Davidson.

The shoot resulted in a win for team "B," the following being the scores:—

	20	500	600	Total
Team "A"	yds.	yds.	yds.	tal.
Mr. Proven	3	32	33	68
Willet	0	32	29	91
Macindoe	7	35	24	86
Grimshaw	27	30	23	80
Wallace	30	24	25	79
Swan	26	24	27	77
Leahy	19	30	27	76
Eldridge	25	24	24	73
McKee	25	29	18	72
Fitches	35	29	20	69
Total	238	293	250	781

Team "B."

	20	500	600	Total
Mr. Barber	11	31	28	91
Slator	30	23	28	91
Barham	32	28	32	92
Summers	29	29	30	88
Lyle	28	32	31	91
McLennan	27	31	23	81
Hoare	28	29	26	83
Walmsley	25	27	27	79
Macwell	24	27	21	71
McKay	23	25	20	68
Total	274	294	262	830

A store room was set apart for the use of the Yaumati Branch of the St. John Ambulance, which is largely composed of old boys of the school. The Headmaster expressed the hope that many of the pupils of the school would join the St. John Ambulance as soon as they were eligible.

Mr. Brown then asked Mrs. de Martin to distribute the prizes. Afterwards Mrs. de Martin was presented with a bouquet of flowers, and then three pupils called for cheers and "tigers" for Mrs. de Martin, the visitors and the Headmaster and Staff.

Mr. de Martin congratulated the pupils on the good report which the Headmaster had presented and particularly those six pupils who had gained scholarships. Mr. de Martin then referred to two former pupils of Yaumati School one of whom had just passed an examination at the Hong Kong University, and in another year's time he would become a graduate.

As regards the Headmaster it could be truthfully said that the more the staff worked with him the more confidence they had in him. (Applause.)

Please List.

The following is the prize list:—
Class 4A:—Lau Sui Lun, Tai Sam Choi, Li Chung Kan, Chiu Kwan Lam, Yau Ka Yim, Fung Tak Keung.

Class 4B:—Lau Wing Sui, Mui Kwan Yan, Fok Wing Cho.

Class 5A:—Lau Choi Yu, Li Chiu Yin, Ip Shiu Ming, Chan Kam Chun.

Class 5B:—Chong Chung Kai, Chan Kam Wing, Lo Yau Wing.

Class 6A:—Chong Yau Fat, Fung Ching Kwai, Ng Hon Man, Tang Sik Lam.

Class 6B:—Lau Sui Pui, Young Shiu Cho, Tai Chi Kai.

Class 7A:—Ip Kwok Hing, Li Pui Shun, Yin Chi Tang.

Class 7B:—Lo Ho Ming, Cha Kwok Shun, Ng Yuk Ki, Li Pui Tin.

Class 8:—Ting Ping Kwan, Chiu Ho, Wong Ting Hon, Chan Chi Mong, Ho Man Lai.

(Special prizes for Chinese:—Tat Sam Choi; 4B, Bing Him F. 5C, Lau Choi Yu; 5B, Leung Sang; 6A, Tai Chi Kai; 6B, Chiu Kai; 7A, Yim Chi Tang; 7B, Ho Man; 8, Wong Ting Hon.)

HOLIDAY PICTURES

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Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF HAYNES.

WHY DID HE TURN INFORMER?

SUGGESTED GRUDGE AGAINST CHRISTIE.

James Christie and Christopher Blum were again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on remand on a charge of criminal conspiracy to defraud a Chinese police reservist of the sum of \$300 on the pretence of supplying him with 10 kilograms of morphia.

The whole afternoon was given to the cross-examination of Leslie Ernest Haynes by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, in the course of which details of his life in England and Shanghai were revealed.

Questioned by Mr. Leask, Haynes stated that he was now a private tutor and "freelance journalist," but no longer a schoolmaster. He received notice from St. Joseph's College on November 29th.

Mr. Leask: You are staying at the King Edward Hotel?—I left yesterday. I am staying at the Carlton Hotel.

Why did you leave the St. George's Hotel, where you were staying?—Because your circus performance in the other court seriously embarrassed me.

I suggest that you were allowed to leave without paying your bill, because you said you would pay with the prize money after the case?—I emphatically deny it.

The Meeting in Hong Kong.

The question of the meeting in the King Edward Hotel Lounge was then raised. Haynes said that Christie mentioned the arms deal, and asked him to pose as a man from Saigon. He took down the details on the back of an envelope: 1,500 Mausers, 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition, 98 machine guns and pistols.

Mr. Leask: Did you report the matter immediately?—Four days afterwards.

His Worship: To whom?—Mr. King.

Mr. Leask: Were you told it would be worth \$1,000 to you to pose as the man from Saigon?—At least.

I suggest you wished to undertake it?—No.

Were you financially embarrassed?—No.

At the same interview Blum was mentioned. Was he ever introduced as "the oil man"?—Never.

I never heard oil mentioned until Mr. Lindsay's Court.

You said there was a question of heroin and you were asked to introduce a buyer?—Yes.

Assuming that Christie has been on the China coast over 28 years, would he be likely to ask you to introduce buyers to him for anything on earth?—Under special circumstances, yes.

Birds Of A Feather.

Had you met Christie before Shanghai?—No, but he knew a lot about me.

Do you suggest that what he knew about you was good?—I suggest that he acted on the assumption that birds of a feather flock together. He knew that his friends in London had roped me into a swindle.

So he meant you to be in the alleged conspiracy?—Yes, he offered to pay me.

And four days afterwards you reported it to Mr. King?—Owing to two fruitless attempts to find him.

When did you first think of turning informer?—The same evening. My first inclination was to write to Christie that there was nothing doing, my second to tell Mr. King.

Did you feel it was a public duty?—I thought it was the right thing to do.

I suggest that the real reason was that you had an envelope in your possession with details of the arms deal on it?—Certainly not.

The Arms Deal.

Haynes stated that in the interview of Saturday, November 25th, probably 85 per cent. of the conversation was about arms.

Mr. Leask: I put it to you that you reported this because you were not allowed to proceed with the arms deal?—Certainly not.

Did the first mention of morphia occur on November 25th?—Yes.

Your report to Mr. King only mentioned arms and heroin?—Yes.

Were prices mentioned at this interview?—Yes.

What do you understand by five thirty Hong Kong currency?—Five hundred and thirty dollars.

Could five thirty dollars mean five dollars thirty cents?—Not in dealing with drugs.

A Journalist's Interests.

There was a telegram addressed to "Gorgie" mentioned at this interview, who mentioned it?—I did. I had seen it advertised in the papers.

What interest had you in a man called Gorgie?—None.

Do you remember the "Talbot" case in Shanghai in which you were interested?—I wasn't interested in it. I wrote a report of it. Journalists are not interested in everything they report.

Khan Sahib.

Haynes said that at an interview at noon on November 28th a telegram was brought in. He could not recognise it again. It was addressed to Khan Sahib. It was decoded on a slip of paper. "Overstocked M. 540 dollars Hong Kong." Christie

explained, witness said, that Khan Sahib was "one of our telegraphic addresses," but no question was asked as to who Khan Sahib was.

The Decoy, An Young.

You met the first witness on November 9th for the first time?—Yes, he was introduced as a broker. From the Straits?—That was my own invention.

He was your decoy?—Yes.

On the next day when Blum came to St. George's Hotel, were samples asked for?—I pointedly asked for them.

Was morphia mentioned?—It was mutually understood.

Did Blum say that, of course, they could be produced, but Christie was very cautious?—Yes.

"You Wanted Morphia?"

Haynes said that Christie pressed for a bank reference, a house address, or somewhere where Au Young could be found, and Haynes gave him club address: the Hong Kong and Kowloon Property Protection Association, Queen's Road Central. Christie was not really interested in bank references, but wanted ready cash. He said they could communicate with the buyer in Malay or pidgin English; Chinese was impossible as there was no interpreter.

Mr. Leask: And then the cautious man promptly said "You wanted morphia"?—Yes.

What followed immediately?—Practically simultaneously in came K, the interpreter.

You are not sure if K was in the room when the words were said?—No.

Then there was a discussion of brands and prices?—Yes.

And Christie asked for \$1,000 for Blum to go to Shanghai?—For putting it on the ship. What is it?—Morphia.

Guarantees were mentioned, and Christie said he was the largest dealer on the coast, was that morphia?—Yes.

And mention was made of a \$400,000 deal with the Chinese Government, was that morphia?—No, guns.

Why were these things mentioned?—To impress the buyer with his bond fides.

In the telephone conversation with Christie or Blum were the words "your man has not sufficient faith in you as guarantor of his bond fides"?—Whose bond fides?—Christie's bond fides as a seller.

Haynes' Finances.

Christie promised you \$100 if you could get \$1,000 out of the other man. Didn't you want this \$100 very badly?—No.

Hadn't you asked Christie for \$100 following an intimation from the Official Receiver?—No.

Had you had any communication from the Official Receiver?—Yes, in the question of the bankruptcy of the Café Parisien. I owed about \$83.

Did you ask Christie to help in that?—Certainly not.

The Last Meetings.

On the night of the 15th Haynes went to 480, Nathan Road. He found no one there but looked in all the cafés till he saw Blum in the Bombay Café. There was again talk of samples.

Mr. Leask: Did you think they could produce the samples?—Yes, Blum said they could.

You did not know whether they could supply the goods?—To a certain point I took Christie's word that he might produce the goods.

At the meeting at noon on November 18th there was talk of the delivery of 10 kilos of morphia, but he was in such a "dither" that he could not be sure morphia was actually mentioned.

In England And Elsewhere.

Mr. Leask: Have you ever tried to publish any books?—Pamphlets. Did you not propose to publish a book in Shanghai?—"A Scamp?"

The whole thing was a joke. Was it a joke when the British Consul took it up?—I never heard of such a thing.

Who was Mr. Enever?—A London Company promoter.

Where you Enever's secretary for certain bogus companies?—Yes.

You got a sentence of imprisonment?—Yes.

The charge was the same as in this case, conspiracy to defraud?—Yes.

Was it a scheme to send people to China on bogus businesses?—Yes.

You got a job in London?—Yes. But the ex-officers sent out here did not get a job at all?—No.

Why were you dismissed from the Shanghai Mercury?—A quarrel over a leading article.

Haynes' Motives.

During the course of this case or of the previous one, have you attempted to borrow money from anyone in this Court?—Yes, \$4.

You wanted \$800 to start a newspaper?—I don't call that borrowing.

Mr. Leask then put three different motives to Haynes, to all of which he replied in the negative.

(1) That trouble in Shanghai had caused him to have a grudge against Christie.

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ROUND THE POLICE
COURTS.BRINGING ARMS INTO THE
COLONY.

TWO ARRESTS.

Among the minor cases before the Magistrates yesterday, there was little of interest. A boatman who attempted to smuggle dutiable goods into the Colony had to pay heavy fines in addition to losing his boat. Several Chinese returning emigrants were charged with carrying firearms among their luggage.

TAMPERING WITH A
TELEPHONE BOX.

A Chinese coolie employed in the Hong Kong Hotel was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday with attempting to extract money from a telephone box in the corridor.

Evidence was given that the defendant extracted a ten-cent piece with a piece of wire, but when this was noticed by a telephone inspector, he put the coin back into the box.

Mr. A. M. Braude, of the Telephone Company, stated that he found two foreign coins obstructing the passage in the box. There was a Hong Kong coin on top of the two foreign coins, which meant that the telephone was out of order when the subscriber attempted to use it. The inspector went to the Hotel as a previous call disclosed that the passage was choked.

Major Willson:—For all you know, defendant might be trying to clear the phone!

Witness:—No one must touch our telephones. They are maintained by the Telephone Company.

His Worship:—I understand that, but defendant might have been genuinely clearing the telephone!

Witness:—We have lost a good deal of money recently by subscribers using bad money.

His Worship:—That does not concern this case.

The defendant stated that he was a coolie in the Hotel, and he observed a man coming out of the telephone box, carrying a bundle of money, and he tried to call up. When the man saw defendant, he explained to defendant how the telephone could be cleared by a bit of wire. Defendant found a paper clip and straightened it out and handed it over to the man who had been disappointed. He failed to clear the passage and defendant then made an attempt. While he was working at it, the inspector arrived.

His Worship adjourned the case until this morning so that evidence regarding the defendant's character could be taken.

CHINESE DISTILLERY CASE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, the manager of the Sze Lu Wo Distillery was charged with four counts under the local Ordinances governing the storing and distilling of Chinese wine. A Chinese boatman was also charged with "aiding and abetting."

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendants, and Mr. G. R. Sayer, of the Imports and Exports Office, prosecuted.

After legal arguments, the woman was discharged, but the manager of the distillery was found guilty on all counts. He was fined \$300, on the first charge, and \$250 on the second. He had to pay \$250 and \$100 on the third and fourth charges.

GOLDSMITH AND CORROSIVE
FLUID.

The Chinese goldsmith who was charged with showing corrosive fluid on a Chinese woman and who was committed for trial at the last Sessions, was again before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. It will be remembered that when the case was called at the Supreme Court last Sessions, it was sent back to the Kowloon Magistracy for a re-hearing.

At yesterday's proceedings, his Worship told the defendant that he was very lucky as the amount of damage done to the woman's clothing was only put at \$25. If he had injured her he would have got five years' hard labour.

Defendant was fined \$20 and ordered to pay \$15 damages.

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(ii) That his attempt to get rich by quick over the arms deal was thwarted.

(iii) That he wished to make himself safe with the law as he had details of the arms deals in his possession.

Haynes replied that he realized the danger of waking sleeping dogs, but he felt it was the right thing. He had not the faintest idea what he would get out of his action.

The case was then adjourned until 11.30 this morning.

A SMUGGLER FROM MACAO.

Acting on certain information Chief Preventive Officer Clarke searched fishing junk No. 5018 in Aberdeen harbour on Thursday evening and found 69 jars of dutiable Chinese wine and 77 lbs. of tobacco under the deck boards. On being questioned by the revenue officer, a man on board stated that the goods came from Macao and belonged to his master, Lai Kwong Fa, who was in Hong Kong. The man, however, either would not or could not find his master.

This evidence was given by Mr. Clarke in charging the man before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy yesterday with being in possession of the wine and the tobacco.

The defendant repeated his story and added that he was asked to return to Macao after delivering the goods.

Mr. Lindsay remarked that it was perfectly clear that the defendant was smuggling the goods into the Colony on behalf of his master. In addition to fines of \$500 or three months on the first charge and \$300 or six weeks on the second, the Magistrate made an order for the confiscation of his boat.

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.

Two Chinese who arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Empress of Asia were arrested on Thursday for unlawful possession of arms. The first man, Li Cheung Sin, a passenger from Vancouver, had in his possession four Luger pistols, two revolvers, ten automatic magazine clips and 1,372 rounds of ammunition. The other man, Wong Shiu Chiu, also a passenger from Canada, had 80 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Both cases were mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when the man who carried the armoury with him was remanded till next Wednesday for the case to be tried before two Magistrates.

On behalf of the passenger found with the ammunition, Mr. L. R. Andrew entered a plea of guilty. The defendant explained that he had been sick during the voyage and had not seen the notices requiring persons in possession of arms to declare same to the captain. He further stated that he was ignorant of the local laws. A fine of \$250 was imposed.

CHRISTMAS AT MACAO.

THE FAMILY FESTIVAL.

In the calendar of the Portuguese republican regime Christmas Day is the day set apart as the great family festival. In Macao, where the majority of the people are of the Roman Catholic faith, the public observances took the form of attendance at church including the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The crowded congregations at the various churches showed the religious fervour of the people of Macao.

The Macao Protestants met for divine service in the little chapel Old Protestant Cemetery; the time-honoured custom of carolling forming a part of the devotions.

Parties for children were held in all parts of the colony, one at the Macao Club for the poor is worthy of special mention. This generous practice of spreading a spirit of goodwill during the festive season has become a feature of local philanthropic work during recent years.

Hockey, football, and tennis teams from Hong Kong met in friendly encounters with local clubs, and the weather was ideal for all forms of outdoor support. Among the visitors were a Chinese football contingent, tennis players from the Indian Recreation Club of Hong Kong, and a large number of tennis and hockey players from the Hong Kong University. Good games were witnessed in every case and the visitors acquitted themselves well winning in some cases and always proving themselves very worthy antagonists.

A special number of "A Patria," the Macao daily paper, helped to complete the atmosphere of Christmas at Macao this year.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF
EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending December 24th stated:—

Flu.

1 case at Alexandria.

Dysentery (2 deaths).

Cholera.

Calcutta (48 deaths).

Calcutta (1 death).

1 case at Balikpapan (1 death).

2 cases at Macassar (2 deaths).

2 cases at Bangkok (2 deaths).

Small-pox.

1 case at Bombay (2 deaths).

5 cases at Calcutta (1 death).

1 case at Madras.

24 cases at Hongkong (5 deaths).

1 case at Moulmein.

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EXHIBITION.ENTRIES ACCEPTED UP TO
JANUARY 15th.

A decision to postpone the forthcoming Photographic Exhibition at Macao was come to in deference to many requests from Hong Kong photographic enthusiasts. It has been decided to open the Exhibition

on the 22nd January, and to accept work up to the 15th January, 1928.

The pictures received so far are of rather unequal merit, some are excellent examples of photographic art, and others are mediocre, but on the whole the work can be considered extremely satisfactory.

The Judges for the Photographic Section are Mr. C. H. Bilton, Major Wright, and Mr. K. Samed, all of Hong Kong.

IRON AND STEEL GOODS.

MARKET DULL IN 1928.

MESSRS. JOHN D. HUTCHINSON'S REPORT.

Messrs. John D. Hutchinson & Co., of Kings Building report that trade has not been very good this year, and, unless the political situation improves prospects for 1928 are not promising. The report states:—

The Year 1927 has been featureless and apart from some activity in Mild Steel Bars in April the market on the whole has been dull. Local values have remained low and it has been extremely difficult for importers to obtain more than a bare margin on the comparatively small volume of business transacted.

MILD STEEL BARS, ANGLES AND JOISTS.—From the neighbourhood of 135/- per ton at the opening of the year prices declined in April/May and with small fluctuations have remained at about the present level of 129/-.

Business has been done locally at 83.85 per picul or even lower.

STEEL PLATE CUTTINGS.—Due to the scarcity of stocks the London price at the beginning of the year was 132/6 but a sharp fall occurred in March and the price has declined to the present level of 130/-.

WIRE NETS.—Steel prices have remained steady throughout the year but local demand has been small.

TINPLATES.—From a level of 810 per box at the opening of the year prices fell away during the summer and business has since been done at 810 or lower. Latest reports are that the market is firmer with an upward tendency.

The outlook for the coming year is not promising and until the present political troubles are removed it is to be feared that business in this market will remain on a restricted scale.

RUBBER AND MINING.

SHARE QUOTATIONS AND DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:—

Allenby's	33.25
Ayer Panas	11.75
Glenclyde	2.18
Jermans	1.80
Jimmas	2.85
Kedabs	4.35
Lunas	3.30
Malaka Pindas	2.80
Pajamas	2.75

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Gopeng Consolidated: 1/- per share and bonus of 1/3 per share, both less tax.
Iridis Hydraulic: 2/- per share less tax.
Kamunting: 6 pence per share 2nd interim.
Malayan Tin: 6 pence per share final (making 40 per cent.).
Pengkalan: 4 pence per share final (making 22 1/2 per share), less tax.
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Tronoh: 5 per cent. per share and special 5 per cent. per share, both less tax.
Price of rubber 1/8 per lb.

BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG.

TRANSMITTER NOW IN WORKING ORDER.

It will be recalled that the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee have a scheme on hand for broadcasting from Lee Gardens. A test transmission was made last evening on a wave length of 330 metres.

Work has been carried out for several months on the transmitter which was formerly the property of the Hong Kong Radio Society, and it is now claimed that the transmitter has been brought up to a standard of efficiency by local experts.

THE FLAPPER.

PATRON SAINT OF THE CHEMISTS.

The "flapper" was described as the patron saint of chemistry by Dr. E. F. Armstrong, managing director of the British Dyestuffs Corporation at the dinner of the British Association of Chemists at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, W.C.

"She has rings on her fingers," he said, "and synthetic stones and footware, made of artificial skins all wrought by chemists, and the materials of her underwear were one of the greatest achievements of chemistry."

"The very shen of her hair is perhaps synthetic (laughter)—and on her face are the emblems of the products of perhaps the British Dyestuffs Corporation."

"Almost everything she wears, even to brooches and bangles, is the work of the chemist."

LORD DERBY'S DAUGHTER.

LADY VICTORIA BULLOCK KILLED IN HUNTING FIELD.

THE KING'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

LOWESBY.

Home papers announce the death of Lady Victoria Bullock, wife of Captain Malcolm Bullock, M.P., and daughter of Earl Derby as the result of an accident in the hunting field.

Since the death of Lady Victoria Bullock yesterday, says the *Daily Mail* of November 29th, as the result of the accident when out with the Quorn Hounds on the previous day, messages of sympathy with her father, Lord Derby, her husband, Captain Malcolm Bullock, M.P., and other relatives have poured into Lowesby Hall, where she had been staying as the guest of the Marquess and the Marchioness of Blandford.

They are from the King and Queen, members of the Royal Family, including the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry, who were also hunting with the Quorn on Friday, and from hundreds of other distinguished people and from humble villagers in the Quorn district and servants and tenants of the family.

Lord Derby, who is acutely distressed, has not left Lowesby Hall since he arrived yesterday, just before Lady Victoria passed away.

He was stopped as he was leaving Paris by the Blue Train for the south and went at once to the British Embassy to inquire for the latest news. Then when he heard that the accident had been very grave, he left by air for London and completed the journey to Lowesby Hall by motor-car, arriving just before the end came.

The Fatal Bridge.

The body is to leave for Lady Victoria's Lancashire home tomorrow at 8 a.m. and will be taken from there to Knowsley, probably by road. It is a tragic fact that the funeral train of two passenger coaches and a funeral coach stands to-day on the site almost over the spot at which she met her death.

It is a low bridge, not much higher than is necessary for its purpose, to allow cattle to pass from one field to another, under the old Great Northern Railway. A man of average height can touch the flat top, striped with deep-hanging girders, with his fingers.

It was explained by people near the time of the accident that the hunt crossed the road at a level crossing, but that Lady Victoria, led by a groom, thought the cattle tunnel would be a good short-cut. Lady Victoria saw the bridge first and said she was going to go through it. The groom passed through, bending over his horse, and on looking back saw Lady Victoria strike her head on the last steel girder and then fall heavily into the mud.

Where she entered the bridge the height of the girders is about 8 1/2 feet. At the other side, where she struck her head, it is little more than 7 feet.

The Inquest.

The inquest, held in a small room at Lowesby Hall, lasted less than half an hour.

Only three witnesses and the police were present. Lord Stanley said:—

"We were both out hunting with the Quorn on Friday. I saw my sister earlier in the day and she was then in her usual health. Later, when on the hill above Lowesby Station, I saw a loose horse which I recognised as hers. I then made a search and found my sister lying near a railway arch. She was unconscious. I sent for the doctor, and made efforts to revive her, without success."

The arch near which my sister was lying was an iron girder arch and very low. There was no spare room for a woman riding a high horse to pass under it. My sister's horse was a large one, about 17 hands high. In my opinion my sister struck her head on some portion of the girder of the arch when riding below it. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

HER TWO LITTLE GIRLS.

When They Entertained The King And Queen.

Lady Victoria Bullock was the eldest of the three children of Lord Derby, and the only daughter. She was born on June 24th, 1892, and was twice married. Her first husband, Mr. Neil Primrose, Lord Rosbery's younger son, whom she married in 1915, died in 1917 of wounds received in action in Palestine, where he is buried.

Lady Victoria married secondly Captain Malcolm Bullock, who served with the Scots Guards during the war and who is Conservator M.P. for the Waterloo division of Lancashire. The marriage took place very quietly in the summer of 1919, at the British Embassy Church in Paris, Lord Derby being British Ambassador at the time.

There was one child of each marriage—Miss Ruth Primrose, now aged 11, and Priscilla Bullock, aged 7. (Continued on next Column.)

BRITISH FLAT RACING SEASON.

LEADING OWNERS AND TRAINERS.

THE TOTALISATOR.

[BY ROSE GOODFELLOW.]

Many radical alterations in racing already effected or proposed have caused sectional trouble, but all sane judges of the situation are convinced that horse-racing will have a prosperous future.

"It has come through a period of industrial depression and the upsetting of old methods incident to the tax."

The exploiting of greyhound racing is viewed with no serious apprehension. In fact the latter pastime may react for good.

The decrease in receipts on racecourses has induced the Jockey Club to modify the cast-iron rules on the executives in the matter of prizes offered.

This concession, allowing a reduction when necessary, may lead to cheaper admission fees—a very desirable move in the business interests of the proprietors of courses.

The Jockey Club in approving of the committee reporting upon the measures to be adopted by which betting should best contribute to the maintenance of the sport, agree that the totalisator should be installed and that bookmakers should be damped fees on a graduated scale for permission to work side by side with the machine.

The Totalisator.

One of the advantages of the totalisator is that it will enable the Betting Duty to be collected with the minimum of expense and with no possibility of evasion. Part of the revenue derived from it is devoted in other countries to increasing prize money and reducing entrance fees, thus assisting owners and breeders, and a proportion of the receipts should be applied to providing racetracks with proper and comfortable accommodation at cheap rates of admission.

The honour of the season as leading owner goes to Lord Derby, who heads the winning list with over £40,000 to his credit. Lord Astor, who was third in the winning list twelve months ago and first in 1925, now occupies second position.

Won Most Races.

Mr. Stanley Woodcock, as an owner, again has the distinction of having won the greatest number of races, the total, however, being less than last season. His successes have been principally in minor affairs—his nearest attempt to a big win having been when Medal dead-heated with Niantic in the Cambridgehire.

Lord Dewar has had a far better season than for some time, and he takes fourth place with more than twice his last year's total.

As was only to be expected from Lord Derby's position at the head of the owners, he also takes precedence among winning breeders. A surprising feature is the high position obtained by French-bred horses, as they occupy second place.

Frank Butters has accomplished the great achievement of heading the trainers' list in his first season as Lord Derby's trainer. His total of 237,000 winning stakes, and over fifty races won, reveals Butters as a worthy successor to Mr. G. Lambton, who now acts as adviser to the stable.

It is only two years since Alec Taylor headed the list of trainers, and, as he is now a good second, he is able to look back upon his last season with satisfaction. The actual training at Manton will in future be left to Joseph Lawson, who has been Taylor's deputy for many years.

Taylor has been always a force to be reckoned with in classic races, and although it was not until Book Law won the Doncaster St. Leger that he was able to claim one of the premier races this season, he captured all three of the Chepstow classics in the first year of his inauguration.

(Continued on next Column.)

Lord Rosbery's Companion.

Little Ruth Primrose has for several years spent most of her time at The Durdans, Lord Rosbery's home at Epsom, Surrey, and is one of the veteran statesmen's most constant companions.

Lord Rosbery is never so happy as when Ruth accompanies him on his coach rides about the country near Epsom, or when she is reading to him.

She is a child of unusual charm and character—and of resource. Her qualities were never better displayed than on a day last April when the King and Queen paid a surprise visit to Lord Rosbery. Ruth was there with her half-sister, Priscilla Bullock, but there was nobody else with Lord Rosbery to welcome his royal guests. So Ruth had to play hostess to the King and Queen.

Lady Victoria Bullock had an ingrained love for the open, was a great racegoer, being seen at all the important meetings, and a keen follower of hounds.

One of the most remarkable features of the season has been the achievements of one of the younger school of jockeys, Gordon Richards. His high average of winners gives an idea of his remarkable consistency.

Gordon Richards has earned more money than any of the other jockeys, as in addition to his retainers from Captain Hogg and Martin Hartigan, his riding fees alone come to well over £2,500, and the presents from the owners of the winners he has ridden amount, no doubt, to a considerable sum.

An Irish Triumph.

Manchester wound up the flat-racing season in sunshine for the third consecutive day—a fact unexampled in our previous experience.

This good fortune was well-deserved by the executive, and their luck stood out in remarkable contrast to that in the south, where Lingfield Park meeting had to be abandoned owing to Saturday's fog.

A big crowd gathered to see the contest for the November Handicap. It was won by Mr. J. J. Murphy's Old Orkney, a coup very prophetic to the Irish division present.

Only six horses competed. (High-brow was withdrawn because of the deplorable bereavement in Lord Derby's family.)

Mr. J. B. Joel's Pons Asinorum dominated the market throughout the day, and at absurdly short prices. He proved a complete failure, for although the race was run at a muddling pace "Pons" figured in the rear for the greater part of the journey, and when called on for a winning effort in the last half-mile made no response to the rider's urging.

The victor had previously won three consecutive races in Ireland. His success was the biggest thing achieved by our cross-Channel visitors during the meeting, and some of the winners were played up with additional profit when Mr. Lowry's All Over (trained by Hugh Powney at Newmarket) very appropriately won the Final Plate.

THE YEAR'S FIGURES.

Successful Owners And Trainers. The following tables show the successful owners, trainers, jockeys, breeders, and sires during the past flat-racing season:—

WINNING OWNERS.	No. of Races Won.	Value of Wagers.
Lord Derby	18	40,306
Lord Astor	15	30,973
H. H. Aga Khan	13	21,079
Lord Dewar	12	18,003
Mr. F. B. Joel	13	17,293
Late Mr. F. Curzon	4	16,562

WINNING JOCKEYS.	No. of Races Won.	Value of Wagers.
G. Richards	164	607,771
T. Weston	78	504,582
C. Elliott	77	402,478
H. Wragg	73	412,485
F. Fox	72	642,714
C. Smirke	65	346,411
S. Donoghue	60	443,503
R. Perryman	60	614,574
J. Childs	57	285,312
M. Beary	52	437,489
H. Bensley	45	276,321
J. Lench	44	284,598

WINNING TRAINERS.	No. of Races Won.	Value of Wagers.
Frank Butters	25	53,731
A. Taylor	23	46,169
F. Darbying	23	44,219
H. S. Persse	22	37,273
J. L. Jarvis	21	33,212
H. L. Cottrill	15	30,127
S. Woolton	14	27,062

WINNING BREEDERS.	No. of Races Won.	Value of Wagers.
Buchan	20	38,810
Harry On	22	41,942
Phalaris	15	30,455
Pommern	24	35,210
Abbotts Trace	18	30,253
Gainsborough	19	34,971

WINNING SIRE.	No. of Races Won.	Value of Wagers.
Lord Derby	19	40,337
Do. (Ir. French)	26	70,323
Lord Astor	17	30,321
Lord Dewar	15	32,163
Late Mr. F. Curzon	3	16,376
Lord Durban	8	13,709

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Cicala, Tarentula*; South Wall Basin, *Sterling, Stormcloud, France*; East Wall Basin, *S/M. L.3, L.4, L.5, L.19, L.27*; North Arm, *Argus, Khark*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins, Petersfield*; In Dock, *Voltaire, Moorhead, Faulkner*; No. 2 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 3 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 5 Buoy, *Hygon*; No. 8 Buoy, *Carlisle*; No. 7 Buoy, *Tittania*; L.2, L.1, L.26; No. 3 Buoy, *Ambrone*; L.1, L.2, L.3, No. 3 Buoy, *Marston*; No. 40 Buoy, *Sagoy*; No. 12 Buoy, *Serapis*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 12 Buoy, *Brice*; No. 19 Buoy, *Fort Beloit*; No. 29 Buoy, *S/M. L.15*; No. 29 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; Foreign Port of War:—French, *Jules Michelet, Argus*; U.S.S. *Pampango, Sacramento*.

WHY STRUDWICK IS RETIRING.

PARTNERSHIP IN SPORT OUTFITTERS.

TO BE SURREY'S SCORER.

Herbert Strudwick, or "Strudwick" as he is known to every cricket lover in England, Australia, and South Africa, explained to a *Daily Mail* reporter why he is retiring from first-class cricket.

"I was retiring a year ago," he said, "but the Surrey C.C. asked me to wait a bit. Then this winter for some months my wife has been ill and the strain has told on me. I do not know if I should be fit enough for a whole season. After 30 years, however, I could not sever my connection with the boys at the Oval, and so I consented to become scorer."

"I have promised to keep fit in case I am wanted specially, and so I may play once or twice. Hard work keeps me fit, and I do not smoke, not because it affects my eyes, merely for health's sake."

Then "Strudwick" spoke of the chances of our team in Australia next year.

"We need some new blood," he said. "Our batsmen are all right, but we must have bowlers, some one to back up Tate. It is difficult for the team to win in Australia; everything is against them. There are not so many all-rounders as there used to be, not enough, in fact, and that may be the fault of the wickets in England."

Must Have Bowlers.

"The ball keeps so low on the prepared wickets and it turns so little that bowlers are discouraged. I used to take the ball shoulder high, but now I have to take it down by my shins."

"That also is a reason why we have no bowlers of the speed of Spofforth, Lockwood, and others. Their hearts are broken by the deadness of the pitch. It has also killed the art of cutting."

"Hobbs is the greatest batsman in the world, and I do not think there will ever be one like him, because every type of wicket is the same to him. He is harder now to get out than some years ago because he is more strid. By the way, he has just signed on for another five years with Surrey."

"You want to know what I think of the University standards. Well, their batting is very good, but they also want bowlers. The trouble is that England has not enough young blood coming along. Tennis is the cause, and the fact that many of the best have to earn a living, and cannot spare the time for cricket."

"What do I think of the appointment of Sutcliffe to captain Yorkshire? Frankly, I think that it is a pity. I would rather have seen three captains, each for a part of the season if the amateurs could not spare the time. On the whole, the professionals are not keen on the change. I believe as a principle, though Sutcliffe himself is one of the best. We play for the love of the game, although people talk of playing for averages. That is not true."

"I can't keep away from cricket," Strudwick concluded. "Bowling, of Worcester, Sandham, and myself are going to run an athletic outfitters' shop, and a winter training school in Wandsworth-road, so we shall keep fit, and hope to bring on the much needed young talent."

An Unlikely Act.

Australian newspapers state that the entire absence of "frill" was one reason for Strudwick's great popularity in England and Australia.

It is recalled that when Douglas lost the rubber, Strudwick successfully urged the inclusion of Douglas in the 5th Test so as to enable the Yorkshireman to enjoy the honour of becoming a Test player. —Exchange.

EFFORT TO SAVE CITY PIGEONS.

OFFERS OF HOMES SAID TO BE USELESS.

Scores of letters have poured into the *Daily Express* office offering to provide homes for the 3,000 surplus pigeons of the City of London.

A group of City men, members of the sanitary committee, sat for two hours behind closed doors in the Guildhall considering the fate of London's pigeons, after hearing the evidence of experts.

Each member shook his head solemnly when asked what was to be the fate of the City pigeons. "It is a matter for the Court of Common Council to decide," said each in turn.

"Offers of homes are no use. The birds would come back after six, nine, or even twelve months, the homing instinct would always prevail!"

The case against the surplus pigeons is so strong that the authorities have already prepared their plans for the great round-up. An expert trapper is to be engaged, and he will net the birds in the early morning. Ringed birds will be returned to their owners.

DISARMAMENT.

A SERVICES POINT OF VIEW.

"GRADUAL CONTRACTION."

Armistice Day this year proved the occasion of a great spontaneous appeal by well-known publicists in this country in the cause of permanent peace. The ideal is a fine one, with which all civilized people are bound to be in complete sympathy. And we may reasonably suppose that what all advocates of it are saying in Great Britain is reflected by the enlightened thought of other nations. But what may be called this outburst of peace rivalry is naturally causing considerable heart-searching in the fighting services, and kindred organizations. It is becoming increasingly clear that limitation of armaments will presently become a *fait accompli* amongst the great nations. Such a result, beneficial as it must prove to the world at large, means a serious outlook to all who follow the profession of arms. For our own part, we find it difficult to believe that the possibility of war can ever be eliminated. But restriction of permanent armaments is quite another matter. A definite beginning was made at Washington in 1921, and the urge to extend this is becoming steadily stronger, so that there can be little question but that it will ultimately bear material fruit.

Probably even the most enthusiastic amongst the dreamers of external peace do not visualize the complete disappearance of war or organization within their lifetime. But it appears as though the Navy, Army, and Air Force must make up their minds to a gradual progressive contraction of their profession. Possibly this may be accomplished by wastage, in which case those now serving have nothing to apprehend. Yet it must not be forgotten that, in one way and another, the fighting services give employment to three-quarters of a million people, and, although it is glibly said that fresh channels will be found for these, yet this may prove a very much more difficult matter than can be foreseen.

Taking the case of the Royal Dockyards, for instance, large numbers of men are being thrown out of work, but no fresh channels are being found for them. The idea that the money now spent on armaments may be applied to opening up fresh forms of employment is quite misleading. Any money saved on armaments will have to go in relief of the present crushing burden of taxation. The only way of relieving unemployment is by reducing this crushing burden upon industry, Naval and Military Record.

Profession For 750,000 Men.

The undergraduate at Cambridge University is becoming more and more air-minded as the "Varsity Air Squadron" carries on its work. The fact that at the commencement of the Academic year it was decided to raise the membership to 70, and there were about three applicants for every vacant place, proves conclusively that the Air Squadron is rapidly achieving one of the purposes for which it has taken its position in the University, i.e., to stimulate interest in Air matters and to maintain at the University a community of thought in technical and research problems affecting aviation. Another of its aims is "to assist those who wish to take up aeronautics as a profession in a civilian capacity," and also to promote the flow of suitable candidates for commissions in the Royal Air Force.

AVIATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

AIR-MINDEDNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT.

Over half a dozen members of the squadron have obtained commissions, some with six months' or a year's priority according to whether they held a B.A. Degree and a Certificate of Competency. The certificate is issued to those who have flown three hours solo, completed a height test of 6,000 feet with a barograph on board, and satisfactorily answered questions on engines, rigging, and rules of the air.

Two-Fold Benefit.

It is interesting to note that if a pupil joins the Air Force with six months' priority, not only he himself obtains a benefit, but also the poor downtrodden taxpayer. A sum in the region of three figures is saved; allowing for a few minor crashes and the cost of his instruction. Although the Air Squadron is supported by the taxpayers' money, an obvious economic advantage results from the fact that a pilot in the Air Force has been given his preliminary training in one of the Varsity Air Squadrons.

The more popular branch in connection with civilian flying is the R.A.F. Reserve, to which the squadron has contributed twenty of its members, who, for the sake of the flying and monetary attraction, are prepared to give up a large portion of their vacations in order to gain more experience.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

JANUARY 1st, 1928, Sunday. After Christmas.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—Rev. W. E. Cannell.
Holy Communion at 12 noon.
Evening at 6 p.m.
Preacher:—Rev. Hyde Gosnell, M.A.
FRIDAY, January 6th, The Epiphany.—Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m. [97]

UNION CHURCH (Kowloon Road).

SATURDAY, New Year's Eve:—Watch Night Service at 11.15.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
SUNDAY, January 1st:—10.30 a.m.:—General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade.
Hymns: 28, 74, 417 and 532.
Preacher:—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, M.A.
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CANADIAN PACIFIC AUGMENTS CARGO FLEET.

The marked growth of ocean trade between Great Britain and Canada via the St. Lawrence route has prompted the Canadian Pacific, in their building estimates for 1927-1928, to augment their fleet of freight steamers with five modern twin-screw cargo vessels. The new ships will be of the "Beaver" class and will represent the highest type of express steamer to be used in maintaining a weekly service from London and continental ports, working strictly to schedule and ensuring definite arrival dates.

Four of these steamers have been launched, the *Beaverburn* on September 27th, at Dumbarton, Scotland, and the *Beaverdale* the following day at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, the *Beaverford* on October 27th, and the *Beaverhill* on November 8th. Launching of the remaining ship is scheduled to take place shortly.

These vessels constitute five of the ten ships under construction for the Canadian Pacific, the others being four 20,000-ton ocean passenger steamers of the "Duchess" class and the tenth the *Princess Elaine*, to be placed in the Pacific Coast service of the Company. The ten ships will comprise a total gross tonnage of 133,000 tons and will cost approximately \$25,000,000.

The new freighters will be operated out of Montreal, in summer, and Saint John, in winter, to London and Continental ports on a weekly service. Their speed will be 14 knots, maintained in all weather, and the voyage should be made in 8 days. Normally the steamers will carry a deadweight of about 10,500 tons or a draft of 27ft., but should the need arise, as much as 13,000 tons may be carried on the maximum load draft.

The principal dimensions are: Length of waterline, 315ft., moulded beam, 51ft. 6ins., depth of upper deck, 40ft. 5ins. and gross tonnage, about 10,000.

By means of the *Beaverburn*, *Beaverdale* and sister ships, the speediest shipping of Canadian fruits and perishable farm produce will be effected. Fruit picked in Ontario can be placed on the London breakfast table in 11 days or 13 days later in the case of fruit and vegetables from the British Columbia areas. The same rapidity of shipment will apply to cheese, ham, bacon and lard, to cereals, lumber, timber and manufactured articles. Modern refrigerating plants are required for ideal transportation of fruit and perishable produce, and such plants are a feature of the new cargo steamers.

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U.S. COAL PROBLEM.

TOO MANY MINERS AND OVER-PRODUCTION.

New York, Nov. 18th. Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labour, is heading a deputation of miners to interview Mr. Coolidge on behalf of 150,000 miners who are on strike to compel the owners to adhere to the Jacksonville wages-scale agreement. Mr. Green calls attention to the fact that, in addition to the men on strike, 80,000 of their dependents are suffering from conditions that "challenge and ought to shock the sense of justice of the American people."

The highest authorities point out that Mr. Coolidge can do nothing, but to say that relief can come only from the slow process of transferring miners to other fields of work. Mr. Davis, the Secretary of Labour, says: "Nothing can be accomplished when the owners declare flatly that they cannot operate on existing wage scales and the miners flatly refuse to take one farthing less. I have frequently pointed out that the mines in this country are over-manned."

"Production is just 5,000,000 tons short of that for last year yet it is apparently ahead of consumption. We shall always be faced with the present problem until we can secure the distribution of miners in other occupations."

VACCINES TO PERSIA BY AIRPLANE.

SENT FROM A LONDON HOSPITAL.

EPIDEMIC STOPPED.

"Cholera fighting" in Persia, recently referred to by Sir John Cadman, is only one of the services this hospital has rendered to the "Empire," said an official of St. Mary's Hospital, London, W., to a press representative.

Sir John Cadman, chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, lecturing at Woolwich Town Hall, had described how an outbreak of cholera in Persia was checked.

People were dying at the rate of forty three a day, he said, but serum was sent from St. Mary's Hospital, and within a month the epidemic was checked with a loss of only 239 lives.

"The incident took place this summer," said the hospital official. "The staff of St. Mary's had for some time been at work on anti-cholera vaccines, and when the Anglo-Persian Oil Company came to us for advice in dealing with the serious outbreak of cholera in Persia, we were able to get to work immediately."

"Fourteen thousand doses of vaccines were rushed out to Persia by aeroplane, the quickest way of getting them there being used in view of the extreme urgency of the situation. From the moment the vaccine was used there was a decline in the epidemic, and within a couple of weeks it was virtually stopped."

Another important piece of work done by St. Mary's was research on pneumonia in the South African mines some time ago. This hospital sent out an expert staff, who stayed there for some months, investigated the condition, and found the bug causing the disease. They prepared a vaccine against it, and the natives were inoculated. It is extraordinary to see how the pneumonia curve has fallen since that time. There is virtually no pneumonia now in the mines."

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 30th.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer... 80.09	80.15	80.17
Temperature... 61	53	61
Humidity... 91	85	81
Wind... Direction NW	W	E
Force... 2	3	3
Weather... OD	O	O
Rain... 0.44	0.00	0.09

Lowest open-air Temperature, 29th: 70.

Lowest open-air Temperature, 30th: 67.

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 31st, 1927, to Jan. 6th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Date	Time	Time	Time	Time
Day	Month	Day	Month	Day
Sat.	31	11:45	8:55	9:14
Sun.	1	11:45	8:55	9:14
Mon.	2	11:45	8:55	9:14
Tues.	3	11:45	8:55	9:14
Wed.	4	11:45	8:55	9:14
Thurs.	5	11:45	8:55	9:14
Fri.	6	11:45	8:55	9:14

CHINA HOMEWARD CONFERENCE.

FREIGHT TARIFF No. 8.

DATED 17th MARCH, 1927.

ADDENDUM No. 22.

PART I.

TOBACCO TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND SANTOS.

THE ADDITIONAL RATES OF FREIGHT ON TOBACCO TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND SANTOS quoted on Page 51 of the Tariff and in Addendum No. 19 are CANCELLED and DELETED from the Tariff from THIS DATE.

Hong Kong, 30th Dec., 1927. [5714]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S

STEAMER "DELTA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 30th DECEMBER, 1927.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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This Vessel brings on Board from Persian Gulf, B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamer.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. GORDON & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before 15th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACRINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 30th Dec., 1927. [5716]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "LION" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 29th December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before 15th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

29th December, 1927. [5707]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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29th December, 1927. [5704]

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From Hong Kong.

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HOMEWARD.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUIKOW"	On 31st Dec.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUICHANG"	On 1st Jan.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 1st Jan.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 1st Jan.	Noon
HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 1st Jan.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 2nd Jan.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG	"TALKOOWYAT"	On 2nd Jan.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEITANG"	On 3rd Jan.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 3rd Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ORUSAN"	On 5th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHOUEN"	On 7th Jan.	6 a.m.
HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"LINAN"	On 7th Jan.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Jan.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 8th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 8th Jan.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 9th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"EDUPH"	On 12th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"BOOCHOW"	On 14th Jan.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 14th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"KANCHOW"	On 15th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 15th Jan.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 16th Jan.	4 p.m.

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"LYON"	Via Suez Canal	9th March
"CITY OF DURHAM"	Via Suez Canal	23rd March
"RHESUS"	Via Suez Canal	6th April
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 29th.

Chin Hua, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—B. & S.

Hengfa, Chinese str., 1,100 tons, Capt. M. Kusumeco, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45—Wallem & Co.

Hermelin, Norwegian str., 1,163 tons, Capt. A. Pedersen, from Bangkok and Swatow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—Thoresen & Co.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. T. Johnstone, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. J. Larner, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40—B. & S.

Shanghai, Mexican str., 1,183 tons, Capt. H. A. Johnson, from Shanghai, lying at Stonecut-tera—Wing Lee Co.

Springbank, British str., 1,153 tons, Capt. T. E. Alexander, from Baltimore and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 28th, with tinplate and general cargo, lying at Leichikoi—Bank Line.

Susong, Chinese str., 333 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C16—Man Yick S.S. Co.

December 30th.

Dorry, German str., 875 tons, Capt. Joh. Jacobson, from Tourane, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C48—Chau Yue Teng.

Dariken, Norwegian str., 1,777 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Kin Cheong Lee.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per a.s. *Hai Ning*, from Swatow, on December 30th:—Capt. Erskine, Capt. McGee, Mrs. Edmondson and two children, Miss Griffin, Capt. Mayfield, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Millner, Mr. Watson, Mr. R. L. Reed.

Per a.s. *Delta*, from Bombay and ports, on December 30th:—Mr. and Mrs. M. Patell, Mr. S. Parri, Mr. K. Hopp, Mr. Tong, Mr. H. Jayakar, Mr. A. Pandya, Mr. S. Bhat, Mr. and Mrs. Dave and three children, Mr. M. Noor-mahomed, Mr. C. A. Tapia, Capt. and Mrs. James and four children, Mr. and Mrs. C. Post, Mr. J. Der-lagen.

Departures.

Per a.s. *St. Albans*, on December 30th, for Australian ports:—Mrs. L. M. Thomas, Mr. H. Thomas, Mrs. Ida F. McArthur, Mrs. E. Austin, Mr. L. J. Marr, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Killmer and two infants, Mr. W. H. Beatty, Master H. A. Jones, Mr. W. Dixon, Miss E. Armstead, Miss E. McQuire, Mr. M. Carthigau, Mrs. J. B. de Salvador, Mr. C. Bennett.

CLEARANCES.

December 30th.

Chin Hua, for Bankok.
Delta, for Shanghai.

Empress of Asia, for Manila.

Hong Peng, for Swatow.

Huichow, for Weihaiwei.

Liangchow, for Canton.

New Mathilde, for Hoihow.

Orjo, for Bangkok.

St. Albans, for Manila.

Sunkong, for Kwong Chow Wan.

Tai Poo Shek, for Kwong Chow Wan.

Wan.

Tak Hing, for Macao.

Tong Maru, for Hongay.

Tonkin, for Haiphong.

Yu Sang, for Canton.

THE CHINA COAST.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.

Mr. W. Niblock, sup'y chief engineer, *Pymman*, has gone chief engineer, *Kingyuan*.

Mr. F. S. McLay, second engineer, *Kalgan*, has gone Acting Assistant Supt Engineer, *Shanghai*.

Mr. E. J. Esson, second engineer, *Liangchow*, is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. McDonald, second engineer, *Taming*, has gone second engineer, *Kungyuan*.

Mr. C. B. V. Fayrer, second engineer, *Newppo*, has gone second engineer, *Sookchow*.

Mr. A. B. Brown, from Home, has been appointed sup'y third engineer, *Taming*.

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, sup'y third engineer, *Chungking*, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Shantung*.

Mr. D. Watson, from Home, has been appointed third engineer, *Woosung*.

Mr. J. Gardner, from Home leave, is on reserve.

Mr. W. S. Smith, third engineer, *Luohow*, has gone third engineer, *Whangpu*.

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, acting chief officer, *Luohow*, has gone chief officer, *Tusing*.

Mr. R. Bell-Sayer, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Shantung*.

Mr. G. Earlom, chief officer, *Shantung*, is on reserve.

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Fatsing*.

Mr. D. Dykes, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, *Kingyuan*.

Mr. C. Moore, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Fatsing*.

Mr. C. M. Anderson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Suivo*.

Mr. P. Korlake, second engineer, *Suivo*, is on Home leave.

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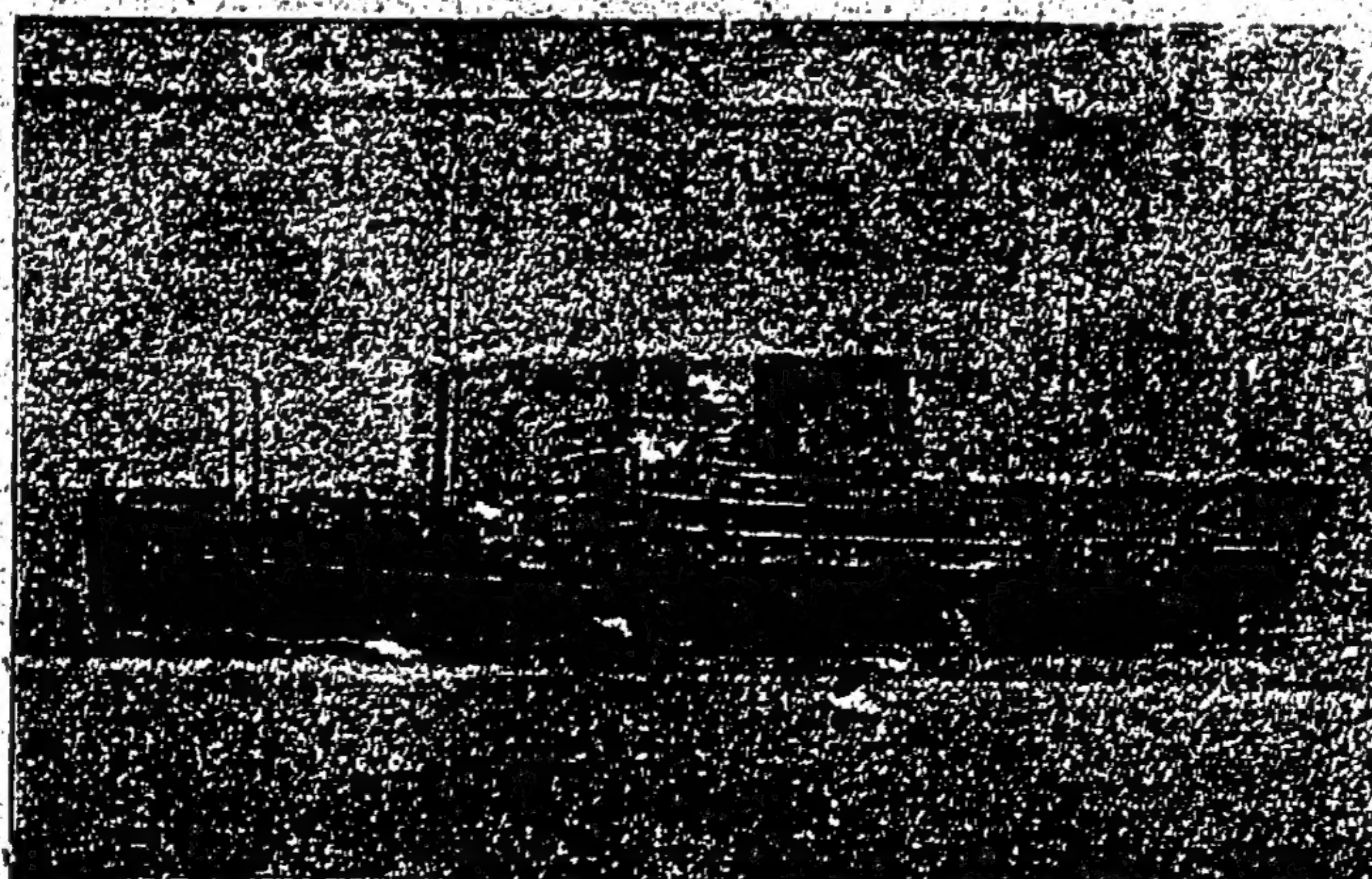
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TJIKINI	N. C. & AMOI	2nd Jan.	4th "	MACASSAR & JAVA
TJISAROA	BATAVIA	5th "	7th "	AMOI, SHANGHAI
TJIMANOEK	SHANGHAI, K'LONG	9th "	11th "	BATAVIA
TJIPANAS	JAVA, MACASSAR	10th "	12th "	SWATOW & SAIGON
TJITABOEM	JAVA, MACASSAR	16th "	18th "	AMOI & N. CHINA
TJISALAK	N. C. & AMOI	16th "	18th "	BATAVIA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	18th "	21st "	AMOI, SHANGHAI, K'LONG
TJISAROA	SHANGHAI, K'LONG & AMOI	23rd "	25th "	BATAVIA

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TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING" "CHEUNGSHING"	Tues., 3rd Jan., at 7 a.m. Sun., 8th Jan., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"YUSANG" "CHAKSANG" "CHEUNGSHING"	Satur., 31st Dec., at 10 a.m. Tues., 3rd Jan., at 1 a.m. Satur., 7th Jan., at 5 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG" "HOSANG"	Mon., 2nd Jan., at Noon Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
BANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 5th Jan., at 3 p.m.

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Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.HEAVY IMPORTS AND
THROUGH CARGOES.

TWENTY-FOUR ARRIVALS.

There were 24 vessels arriving into port yesterday during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. and freights both for this Colony and for other ports were above the average.

The Colony's imports amounted to 20,203 tons, of which 8,108 tons were carried in British bottoms. The two best returns were 6,800 tons on the a.s. Tyndareus from Tacoma and Kobe, and 2,700 tons on the Taipei Maru from Karatsu.

Through freights totalled to 13,911 tons, of which 6,130 tons were carried by British vessels. The two best returns were 3,900 tons by the British steamer Perseus from Glasgow and Shanghai, and 3,600 tons by the Taipei Maru from Karatsu. The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	11	8
Japanese	4	3
Chinese	4	3
Norwegian	2	1
Dutch	1	2
French	1	0
Mexican	1	0
Total	24	17

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jefferson, Jan. 2nd.
Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Changfeng, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Calcutta, Jan. 14th.

City of Madras, Jan. 21st.

City of Benares, Feb. 12th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.

Benary, Jan. 3rd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Pyrrhus, to-day.

Myrmidon, Jan. 7th.

Khezer, Jan. 9th.

Hector, Jan. 12th.

Mentor, Jan. 16th.

Protestant, Jan. 17th.

Teutonic, Jan. 21st.

Africa, Jan. 21st.

Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.

Philoctetes, Feb. 3rd.

Tulshibhai, Feb. 7th.

Zenobia, Feb. 13th.

Antelope, Feb. 18th.

Achilles, Feb. 27th.

Macedonia, Feb. 28th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calcha, Mar. 4th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

Khorus, Mar. 16th.

Teutonia, Mar. 18th.

Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.

British India and Apcar Line.

Santhia, Jan. 2nd.

Garmula, Jan. 7th.

Tarkwa, Jan. 12th.

Doddwell & Co.

Corby Castle, to-morrow.

Vimaine, Jan. 5th.

Boves Castle, Jan. 22nd.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Harrison, to-day.

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East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Java, Jan. 23rd.

Australia, Feb. 15th.

Asia, Feb. 21st.

Africa, Mar. 21st.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arifura, Jan. 2nd.

Tanda, Feb. 8th.

Olen Line.

Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.

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Carnarvonshire, Mar. 4th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Albert Foyler, Jan. 5th.

Oldenburg, Jan. 13th.

Havelland, Jan. 25th.

Saarland, Feb. 5th.

Emil Kirdarf, Feb. 25th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjilivong, to-day.

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